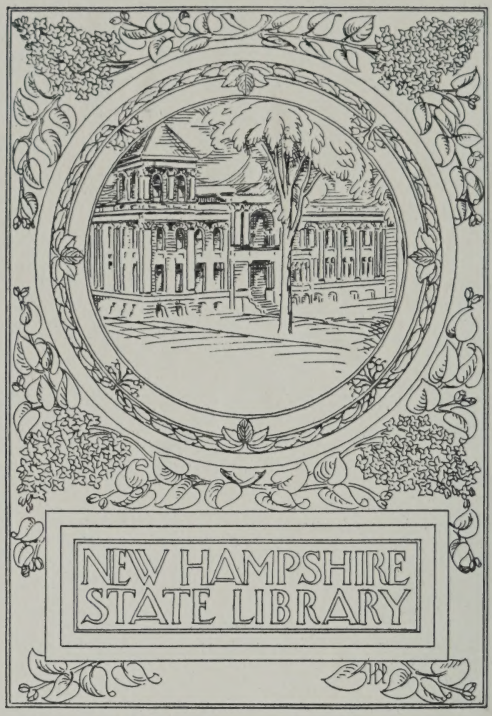
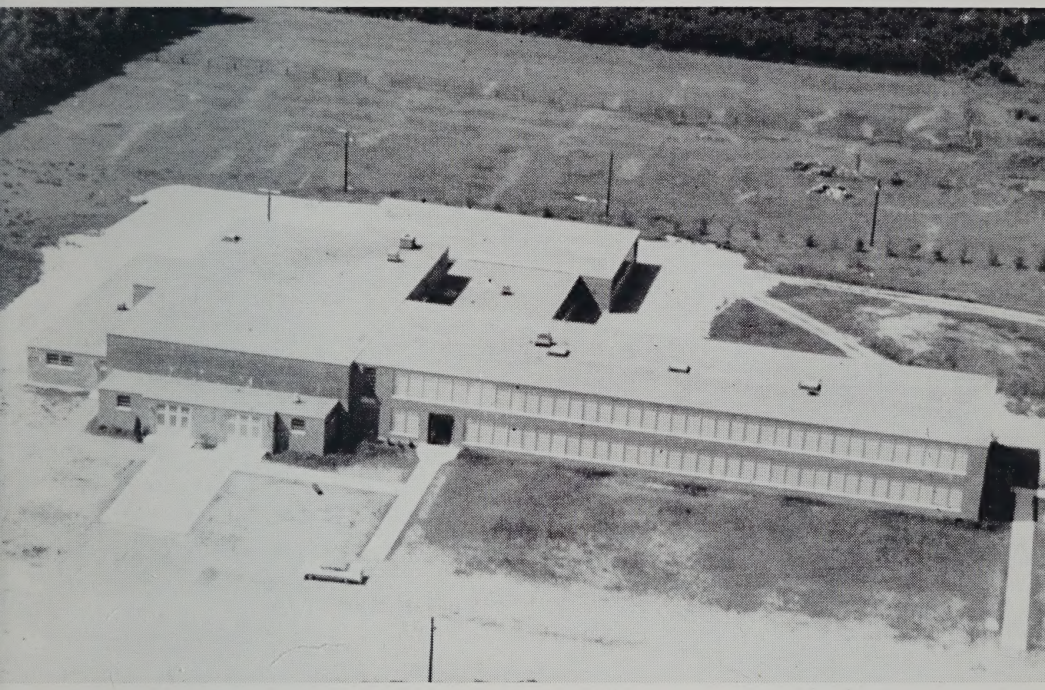
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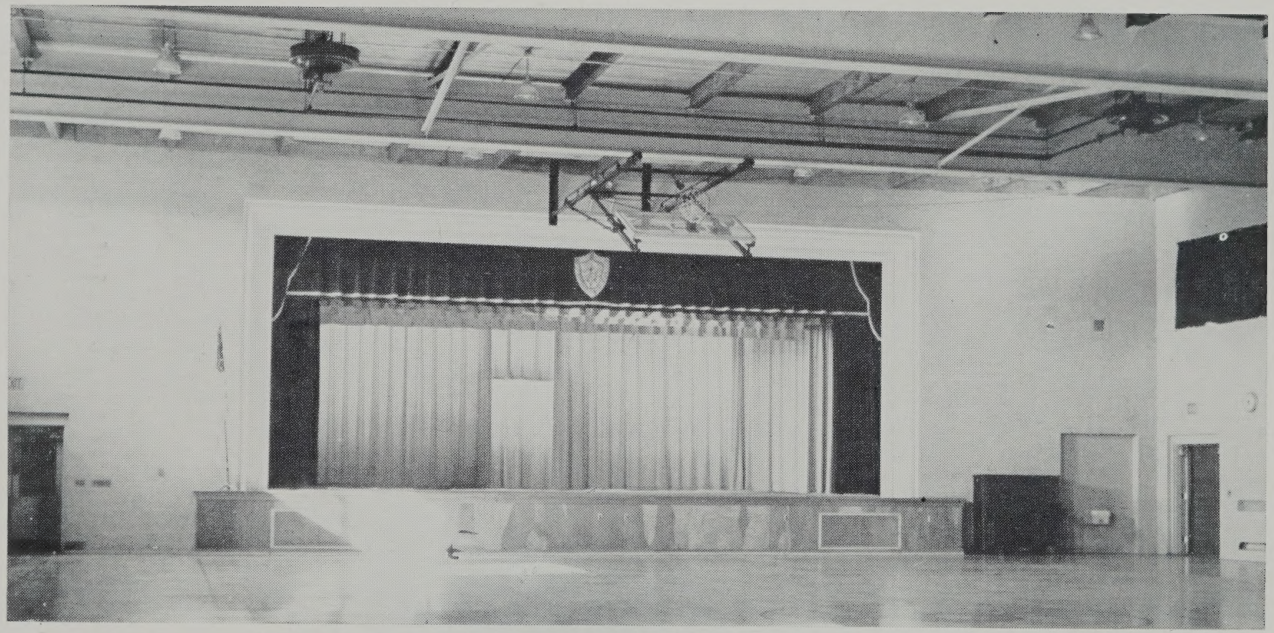
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View of the Gymnasium-Auditorium in the New High School.

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MAYOR EDWARD S. CHARPENTIER
January 1, 1954 — January 1, 1956

Ordinances, Resolutions, Petitions

Ordinances

Amendment to Chapter 13, Sections 18, 19 and 20 relative to a two hour parking regulation on the westerly side of High St. Passed January 4, 1955.

Amendment to Chapter 4, Section 9, relative to the election of a Public Works Administrator who will manage, supervise control and coordinate the various departments heretofore supervised by the Street Commissioner, Supt. of Water Works and Supt. of Forest Glade Cemetery. Passed March 1, 1955.

Amendment to Chapter 18, Section 10, relative to the salary of Firemen to take effect January 1, 1955. Passed March 17, 1955.

Amendment to Chapter 13, Section 17, relative to the all night parking of motor vehicles from December 1 to May 1. Passed March 17, 1955.

Amendment to Sub-division Regulations of 1954, Paragraph 11, Section VI-B relative to the Developer entering into an agreement with the Somersworth Water Department. Introduced March 17, 1955. Hearing, April 5, 1955. Passed May 3, 1955.

Ordinance regulating the parking and location of automobile trailers and licensing location, erection, maintenance and conduct of automobile trailer camps and tourist camps. Introduced September 6, 1955. Hearing September 22, 1955. Passed October 6, 1955.

Amendment to Chapter 13 as amended November 23, 1954, relative to "No Parking" signs at 34 and 35 Page Street. Passed November 1, 1955.

Resolutions

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to borrow $150,000.00 in anticipation of taxes. Passed January 4, 1955.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to borrow a sum not to exceed $35,324.00 for the purchase of a Fire Ladder Truck. Passed February 1, 1955.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to borrow a sum not exceeding $4,622.67 for the purchase of 2 highway trucks. Passed March 17, 1955.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to appropriate a sum not exceeding $2,500.00 for the purchase of a tract of land opposite Franklin Street in a Northwesterly direction. Passed May 3, 1955.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to borrow $60,000.00 in anticipation of taxes. Passed May 23, 1955.

Resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to issue and sell $115,000.00 Improvement and Equipment Bonds. Passed October 6, 1955.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to borrow $14,000.00 in anticipation of taxes. Passed July 25, 1955.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to appropriate and expend an amount not exceeding $540.00 for work on city owned trees. Passed September 6, 1955.

Resolution authorizing the Finance Committee to expend from the $30,000.00 Bond Issue alloted to "Land Development" a sum not exceeding $1,000.00 for the purchase of land at the New High School premises. Passed September 22, 1955.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to expend from the $115,000.00 Improvement and Equipment Bond Issue a sum not exceeding $4,000.00 for the purchase of a 500 gallon pumper. Passed October 6, 1955.

Resolution authorizing the City to convey a certain tract or parcel of land on the easterly side of Rochester Street and southerly side of Winter Street in exchange for a parcel of land, triangular in shape and having a frontage of 110 feet on Rocky Hill Road. Passed November 1, 1956.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to expend a sum not exceeding $8,000.00 for the purchase of two sidewalk plows. Passed November 1, 1955.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to borrow in anticipation of taxes a sum not exceeding $50,000.00. Passed November 14, 1955.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to make department transfers. Passed December 29, 1955.

Petitions

Petition by City Solicitor Leo H. Cater for an increase in salary. Referred to Committee on Finance for recommendation. Meeting of January 4, 1955.

Petition by residents of Daniel, Bennett and Patricia Streets to rectify conditions at the entrance of Daniel Street because of conditions since Hurricane Carol. Petition referred to Committee on Streets in conjunction with a Special Committee with power to act. Meeting of January 4, 1955.

Petition for a permit to erect a Neon sign at 118 High Street. Granted June 4, 1955.

Petition for a permit to erect a sign at 332 High Street. Granted March 17, 1955.

Petition for a permit to erect a sign at 72 Market Street. Granted May 3, 1955.

Petition to erect one or two street lights at the lower section of Green Street. Referred to Committee on Street Lights with power to act. Meeting of May 3, 1955.

Petition to reserve 5 or 6 parking spaces on Main Street next to the Gagne Block for telephone operators. Referred to the Special Committee on Parking with power to act. Meeting of June 25, 1955.

Objection to a certain building constructed in the residential district so-called. The City Council having no jurisdiction in the matter therein contained the party was advised to take the complaint to the Board of Adjustment. Meeting of July 25, 1955.

Petition for permit to erect sign at 53 Elm Street. Granted July 25, 1955.

Petition for permit to erect two signs at 56 Market Street. Granted July 25, 1955.

Petition by the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department for a raise in salary. Referred to the Finance and Fire Committees.

Petition for a permit to erect directional marking signs on both ends of Stackpole Road and one opposite the driveway to the GEEA Recreation area. Granted under the supervision of the Supt. of Public Works.

Petition by New Nengland Tel. & Tel. to erect and maintain one pole and structures on Old Rochester Road. Granted subject to the approval of the Committee on Poles and Wires.

Petition for a permit to erect two "No Parking-School Hours" in front of Miss Barbara's Kindergarten school yard. Referred to the Special Committee on Parking. Meeting of September 6, 1955.

Petition to tar roads at Nash Parkway. Referred to Committee on Highway. Meeting of September 6, 1955.

Petition to install two street lights at Nash Parkway. Referred to Committee on Street Lights with power to act. Meeting of September 6, 1955.

Petition by residents of Nash Parkway and Morning Street to begin work on the streets in those two areas. The Chair stated that work had already begun and would proceed as time allowed. Meeting of October 6, 1955.

Petition for a "Loading Zone" space at 1 Elm Street. Referred to the Special Committee on Parking. Meeting of October 6, 1955.

Petition for a permit to erect a Neon sign at 99 Main Street. Petition granted November 1, 1955.

Petition for the installation of a sewerage line on Maple Street and connected onto the present line under installation that is to connect to the New High School. Referred to Public Works Administrator. Meeting of December 6, 1955.



This is the City Council which guided Somersworth during the period covered by this report. Front row, left to right, Norman A. Fournier, Simeon Rainville, Mayor Edward S. Charpentier, Louis P. Chasse, William J. Vigneault. Standing, left to right, Richard A. Gagnon, Paul R. Blanchette, Bernard C. McCabe, Joseph Aubert, Alfred Perusse, and Ludrope Camire.

City Government

1955

Mayor Edward S. Charpentier

City Clerk Napoleon A. Berube

Councilmen

Ward 1
Simeon Rainville
Richard A. Gagnon

Ward 2
Norman A. Fournier
Louis P. Chasse

Ward 3
William J. Vigneault
Paul R. Blanchette

Ward 4
Joseph Aubert
Bernard C. McCabe

Ward 5
Alfred Perusse
Ludrope Camire

City Treasurer
Blanche Lagueux

Collector of Taxes
Joseph F. McKeon

Sanitary Officer
Peter N. Chasse

City Messenger
Albert E. Boisvert

City Engineer
Harold V. Sheahan

Probation Officer
Frank H. Kinsman

Fence Viewer
Noel C. Chasse

Police Commissioners
Anthony W. Zabrick
Phil O. Wentworth, Jr., Clerk
Paul E. Normandeau

Field Driver
Albert J. Nadeau

Auditors
Margaret C. O'Connell
Hayward C. Logan

Street Commissioner
Omer T. DeRoy

City Solicitor
Leo H. Cater

City Physician
W. Edmour Precourt, M.D.

Overseer of the Poor
John J. Duffy

Plumbing Inspector
Joseph L. Bernier

Board of Health
John J. Duffy, Chairman
Peter N. Chasse, Clerk
W. E. Precourt, M.D.

Building Inspector
Joseph L. Bernier

Municipal Court
Clovis I. Desmarais, Judge
Raoul A. Turmelle, Clerk

Police Officers
Lewis W. Perkins, Marshal
Resigned June 30, 1955
Charles J. Boucher, Marshal
Emile J. Gauvin, Asst. Marshal

Patrolmen
William J. Orr
Charles G. Deshaies
Joseph Dreinczyk
Ronald T. Gage
Charles Perry
Raoul Turmelle

Department of Public Instruction

Lorenzo T. Ross, Chairman — Elizabeth M. Ball, Secretary

Members

Elizabeth M. Ball, Lorenzo T. Ross, Raymond N. Vezeau, Albert J. Nadeau, Paul Bernier. Appointed by Council: Rene Morin, John F. Beamis, Joseph M. Downey, Martin J. Flanagan and Dr. Lionel U. Bergeron

Standing Committees for 1954-55

FINANCE—The Mayor, Councilmen Rainville and Fournier

ROAD, BRIDGES AND DRAINS—The Mayor, Councilmen Fournier, and Rainville

BILLS IN THEIR SECOND READING—Councilmen Chasse, Perusse, and Camire

ENGROSSED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS—Councilmen Perusse, Blanchette, and Gagnon

PUBLIC BUILDINGS—Councilmen Aubert, Camire, and Chasse

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS—Councilmen Aubert, Vigneault, and Gagnon

PRINTING—The Mayor, Councilmen McCabe, and Perusse

FIRE—Councilmen Fournier, McCabe, and Vigneault

ORDINANCES—Councilmen Chasse, Blanchette, and Perusse

POLES AND WIRES—Councilmen Aubert, Gagnon, and McCabe

STREET LIGHTS—Councilmen Vigneault, Camire, and Blanchette

FOREST GLADE CEMETERY—Councilmen Rainville, Fournier, and Chasse

ELECTIONS AND RETURNS—Councilmen Camire, McCabe, and Rainville

Fire Department

Chief Engineer—Albert M. Lessard
Fire Deputy Engineer—John F. Lucey
Second Deputy Engineer—Joseph R. Lucier

Water Commissioners

Placide J. Lagueux, Chairman, term expires January, 1958
Spencer S. Furbush, term expires January, 1957
Napoleon A. Habel, term expires January, 1956
Clerk and Superintendent, John R. Hodsdon, term expires December 31, 1955

Board of Assessors

Clovis G. Chabot, Clerk, term expires January, 1957
Fred J. Coffin, Chairman, term expires January, 1958
Roland J. Boucher, unexpired term ending January, 1956

Trustees of Trust Funds

Mary C. Furbush, term expires January 1, 1957
Gerard L. Gaudreau, term expires January 1, 1956
John R. Hodsdon, term expires January 1, 1958

Public Library Trustees

Henry P. Mullen, term expires January, 1960
Gerard Gaudreau, term expires January, 1959
Celopie Semitros, term expires January, 1958
Max Isacoff, term expires January, 1957
Roland A. Jenkins, term expires January, 1956

Forest Glade Cemetery Trustees

Melanie W. Sullivan, term expires January, 1960
Mary C. Furbush, term expires January, 1959
Frank H. Kinsman, term expires January, 1958
Fred Legro, term expires January, 1956

Supervisors of the Checklists

Letha Ellen Furlong, term expires September 1, 1960
Margaret M. Zabrick, term expires September 1, 1955
Thomas L. Perron, Chairman, term expires September 1, 1954
John J. Duffy, term expires September 1, 1953
Annie Chasse, Clerk, term expires September 1, 1952
Oliver F. Colburn, term expires September 1, 1951

Planning Board

Mayor Edward S. Charpentier; City Engineer Harold V. Sheahan; Councilman William J. Vigneault, administrative member
John C. Malley, term ending in 1961; Paul E. Normandeau, term ending January, 1960; James F. O'Malley, term ending in 1959; E. Elmore Graves, term ending in 1958; *Edward H. Kennedy, term ending in 1957; Herman Horne, term ending in 1956
* Died January 28, 1955

Adjustment Board

Rene Morin, term expires July, 1960
James F. Malley, term expires July, 1959
John F. Beamis, term expires July, 1958
Paul E. Normandeau, term expires July, 1957
Francis C. Vincent, unexpired term ending July, 1956

Board of Examination of Plumbers

George W. Dumais — Ambrose LaFleur

Park Commissioners

The Mayor, ex-officio, Edward S. Charpentier; W. E. Precourt, M.D., term expires April, 1953; Rene A. Morin, term expires April, 1955; Hector Sirois, term expires April, 1958

Weighers of Hay, Coal and Straw

John R. Hodsdon, Adjutor Turgeon, Ted Pappajohn, Leonard Ferland, Rudolph J. Arsenault

Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber

William M. Ames, Harold V. Sheahan, Leonard Ferland

Reports of City Officials

CITY CLERK

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report of collections and remittances to the City Treasurer for year ending December 31, 1955:

		collected	remitted to city treas.
1954 Auto registration permits		$ 332.29	$ 332.29
1955 Auto registration permits		29,811.83	811.83
Dog Licenses		268.45	268.45
Rent High Street Garages		114.00	114.00
Reimbursement Blue Cross		38.40	38.40
Receipts—Building Inspector		687.00	687.00
Sale of Maps		8.75	8.75
Collected by City Clerk			
Miscellaneous Licenses:			
Theatre, dances, etc.	$ 212.50		
Pool Room and bowling alley licenses	200.00		
Taxi licenses	30.00		
Total collected by City Clerk		442.50	442.50
Collected by Marshal Lewis W. Perkins:			
Beano Permits	40.00		
Gun Permits	25.00		
Junk Licenses	10.00		
Coffee House License	5.00		
Total collected by Marshal Perkins		80.00	80.00
Collected by Charles J. Boucher:			
Beano Permits	20.00		
Gun Permits	25.00		
Total collected by Marshal Boucher		45.00	45.00
Collected by Peter N. Chasse Sanitary Officer:	66.00	66.00	66.00
Total Miscellaneous Licenses	$ 633.50		

Respectfully submitted,
NAPOLEON A. BERUBE,
City Clerk

Examined and approved:
HAYWARD C. LOGAN,
M. C. O'CONNELL,
Auditors

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:
Gentlemen:

I submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955:

1955	$342,044.71
1954	29,339.69
1954 Interest	161.80
1953	3,678.37
1953 Interest	11.86
1952	50.35
1951	2.00
1950	2.00
1955 Head Tax	16,375.00
1955 Head Tax Penalty	21.00
1954 Head Tax	2,735.00
1954 Head Tax Penalty	262.00
1953 Head Tax	115.00
1953 Head Tax Penalty	11.50
1955 Timber Tax	209.41
1954 Timber Tax	26.88
1954 Timber Tax Interest	.82
Sundries Redemptions	1,487.08
Sundries Tax Sale Costs	88.94

SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1955

Remitted to Tax Collector as of September 7, 1955:

DR.	
Property Taxes and Bank Stocks	$ 386,338.46
Added Property Taxes	618.80
Poll Taxes	6,572.00

Added Poll Taxes	92.00	
Total Debits		$ 393,621.26

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1955:		
Property Taxes	$ 336,778.40	
Added Property Taxes	280.31	
Poll Taxes	4,894.00	
Added Poll Taxes	92.00	
Property Tax Abatements	1,066.05	
Poll Tax Abatements	302.00	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1956:		
Property Taxes	48,832.50	
Poll Taxes	1,376.00	
Total Credits		$ 393,621.26

SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1955

HEAD TAX

Taxes Committed to Collector as of May 26, 1955:

DR.

Head Taxes	$ 20,570.00	
Added Head Taxes	200.00	
Penalty	21.00	
Total Debits		$ 20,791.00
Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1955:		

CR.

Head Taxes	$ 16,175.00	
Added Head Taxes	200.00	
Penalty	21.00	
Abatements	465.00	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1956:		
Head Taxes	$ 3,930.00	
Total Credits		$ 20,791.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1952

Uncollected as of January 1, 1955:

DR.

Property Taxes	$ 125.41	

Poll Taxes		54.00	
Total Debits			$ 179.41
Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1955:			

CR.

Property Taxes	$ 48.35	
Poll Taxes	2.00	
Abatements, Poll Taxes	52.00	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1956:		
Property Taxes	77.06	
Total Credits		$ 179.41

SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1954

HEAD TAX

Uncollected as of January 1, 1955:

DR.

Regular Head Tax	$ 3,350.00	
Added Head Tax	110.00	
Penalty, Head Tax	262.00	
Total Debits		$ 3,712.00

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1955:

CR.

Head Tax, Regular	$ 2,625.00	
Added Head Tax	110.00	
Penalty	262.00	
Abatements	620.00	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1956	95.00	
Total Credits		$ 3,712.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1953

HEAD TAX

Uncollected as of January 1, 1955:

DR.

Head Tax	$ 145.00	
Penalty, Head Tax	11.50	
Total Debits		$ 156.50

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1955:		
Head Tax	$ 115.00	
Penalty, Head Tax	11.50	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1956	30.00	
Total Credits		$ 156.50

SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1954

Uncollected as of January 1, 1955:

DR.

Property Taxes	$ 37,288.36	
Poll Taxes	1,188.00	
Added Poll Taxes	72.00	
Interest	161.80	
Total Debits		$ 38,710.16

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1955:

CR.

Property Taxes	$ 28,543.69	
Poll Taxes	724.00	
Added Poll Taxes	72.00	
Interest	161.80	
Abatements, Property Taxes	360.64	
Abatements, Poll Taxes	410.00	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1956:		
Property Taxes	8,384.03	
Poll Taxes	54.00	
Total Credits		$ 38,710.16

SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1953

Uncollected as of January 1, 1955:

DR.

Property Taxes	4,409.93	
Poll Taxes	122.00	
Interest	11.86	
Total Debits		$ 4,543.79

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1955:

CR.

Property Taxes	$ 3,644.37	
Poll Taxes	34.00	
Interest	11.86	
Abatements, Property Taxes	81.83	
Abatements, Poll Taxes	38.00	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1956:		
Property Taxes	683.73	
Poll Taxes	50.00	
Total Credits		$ 4,543.79

SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1955

TIMBER TAX

Taxes Committed to Collector as of November 17, 1955:

DR.

Timber Tax	$ 209.41	
Total Debits		$ 209.41

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal Year ending December 31,1955:		
Timber Tax	$ 209.41	
Total Credits		$ 209.41

SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1954

TIMBER TAX

Uncollected as of January 1, 1955:

DR.

Timber Tax	$ 26.88	
Interest, Timber Tax	.82	
Total Debits		$ 17.70

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1955:		
Timber Tax	$ 26.88	
Interest, Timber Tax	.82	
Total Credits		$ 17.70

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1950

Uncollected as of January 1, 1955:

DR.

Poll Taxes	$ 10.00	
Total Debits		$ 10.00

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1955:

CR.

Poll Taxes	$ 2.00	
Abatements, Poll Taxes	8.00	
Total Credits		$ 10.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1951

Uncollected as of January 1, 1955:

DR.

Property Taxes	$ 57.01	
Poll Taxes	30.00	
Total Debits		$ 87.01

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1955:

CR.

Poll Taxes	$ 2.00	
Abatements, Poll Taxes	28.00	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1956:		
Property Tax	$ 57.01	
Total Credits		$ 87.01

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS AS OF JANUARY 1, 1956

Balance of Unredeemed Taxes as of December 31, 1955:

DR.

	1954	1953	1952
	$ 1,220.26	$ 919.76	$ 86.26
Interest	5.09	44.83	10.52
	$ 1,225.35	$ 964.59	$ 96.78

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1955:

	CR.		
	1954	1953	1952
Redemptions	$ 614.09	$ 726.29	$ 86.26
Interest	5.09	44.83	10.52
Balance on Unredeemed Taxes of January 1, 1956	606.17	193.47	
Total Credits	$ 1,225.35	$ 964.59	$ 96.78

Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1955:
Sundries Tax Sale Costs—$88.94

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH F. McKEON,
Tax Collector

Audited and Approved:
HAYWARD C. LOGAN
M.C. O'CONNELL

Approved by Assessors:
FRED J. COFFIN
CLOVIS G. CHABOT

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Somersworth, N. H.:
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the annual report of the Police Department for the year from January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955:

Arrests

Assault	6
Assault on an Officer	2
Bastardy	2
Breaking and entering	3
Disorderly conduct	7
Desertion and neglect of minor children	1
Drunk	24
Falsefying age to procure liquor	1
Insulting a Police Officer	2
Obstructing a Police Officer	1
Resisting arrest	1
Refusing to stop for an officer	1
Neglect of minor children	1
Grand Larceny	1
Petty Larceny	3
Throwing refuse on the highway	1
Vagrancy	1
	58

Juvenile Docket

Theft of auto	4
Breaking and entering	6
Delinquent child	3
Larceny	3
	16

Motor Vehicle Offenses

Allowing an unlicensed person to operate	2
Driving without a license	14
Driving under the influence of liquor	11
Failure to have car inspected	31
Following a car too closely	1
Failure to show financial responsibility	1
Gross careless and negligent operation	14
Leaving scene of accident	3

Misuse of plates	4
Operating with defective equipment	2
Passing school bus flashing lights	20
Passing on solid yellow line	4
Passing stop sign	9
Reckless driving	2
Speeding	58
	176
Arrest total	58
Juvenile total	16
Motor vehicle total	176
Total arrests for year	250

Disposition of Cases

Paid fines to court	204
Nol Prossed	3
Case dismissed	4
To pay restitution, fine suspended	2
Fined and committed to jail	1
Appealed	5
Committed to House of Correction	6
Probable cause found for Superior Court	3
Placed on file	2
Fine suspended	2
Case continued for sentence	1
To pay Probation Department	1
Placed in custody of Probation Department	11
Sent to Industrial School	5
Total	250

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES J. BOUCHER,
Chief of Police

Annual report from January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955:

Accidents reported to police	188
Automobiles damaged in accidents	241
Property damage in accidents	17
Adults injured in accidents	33
Minors injured in accidents	13
Dogs killed by autos	27
Dogs disposed of by police	47
Complaints about dogs	40

Assist to Persons	134
Assists to other Departments	103
Assists to other police	126
Persons in for safekeeping	52
Persons in for lodging	96
Street lights reported out to Public Service	504
Doors and windows found unlocked and locked by police	443
Fire alarms answered	47
Goods reported stolen	2
Goods reported stolen, recovered	1
Goods reported lost	33
Goods reported lost, recovered	25
Adults reported missing	11
Adults reported missing, returned	11
Minors reported lost	16
Minors reported lost, recovered	16
Persons taken to hospital in cruiser	14
Bicycles reported stolen	10
Bicycles reported stolen, recovered	8
Automobiles reported stolen	11
Automobiles reported stolen, recovered	11
Complaints received and taken care of by police (misc.)	1,014

One suicide

No fatal accident in the year

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. BOUCHER,
Chief of Police

MUNICIPAL COURT

To His Honor, the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the report of the Municipal Court of the City of Somersworth for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955.

Arrests

Assault	6
Assault on an Officer	2
Bastardy	2
Breaking and entering	3
Disorderly conduct	7
Desertion and neglect of minor children	1
Drunk	24
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Breaking and entering	6
Delinquent child	3
Larceny	3
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Motor Vehicle Offenses

Allowing an unlicensed person to operate	2
Driving without a license	14
Driving under the influence of liquor	11
Failure to have car inspected	31
Following a car too closely	1
Failure to show financial responsibility	1
Gross careless and negligent operation	14

Leaving scene of accident	3
Misuse of plates	4
Operating with defective equipment	2
Passing school bus flashing lights	20
Passing on solid yellow line	4
Passing stop sign	9
Reckless driving	2
Speeding	58
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Arrest total	58
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Total arrests for year	250

Disposition of Cases

Paid fines to court	204
Nol Prossed	3
Case dismissed	4
To pay restitution, fine suspended	2
Fined and committed to jail	1
Appealed	5
Committed to House of Correction	6
Probable cause found for Superior Court	3
Placed on file	2
Fine suspended	2
Case continued for sentence	1
To pay Probation Department	1
Placed in custody of Probation Department	11
Sent to Industrial School	5
Total	250
Small Claims	65
Civil Cases	3

To His Honor, the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the report of the Municipal court of the City of Somersworth for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1954.

NOVEMBER 1st to DECEMBER 31st

Balance	$	124.56

Receipts, Nov. and Dec.		868.25	
Total Receipts		$ 992.81	
Expenses	$ 550.03		
Motor Vehicles			$ 479.70
Witness Fees			62.40
Postage			3.84
Supplies			4.09
			$ 550.03
Balance Cash on hand			442.78
			$ 992.81

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND G. PERREAULT,
Clerk

Financial report from January 1, 1955 to October 31, 1955:

RECEIPTS			
Balance from 1954		$ 58.55	
January 1, 1955 to October 31, 1955		5,261.25	
Total Receipts		$ 5,319.80	
EXPENSES: January 1, 1955 to October 31, 1955			
Fines due State			$ 1,901.70
Bail to Clerk of Superior Court			980.00
Witness fees			282.04
Bail refunded			1,000.00
Supplies			26.50
City of Somersworth			1,000.00
Total Expenses			$ 5,195.24
Balance			124.56
			$ 5,319.80

Respectfully submitted,

RAOUL TURMELLE,
Clerk

CITY SOLICITOR

To the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as City Solicitor for the year 1955.

This year has brought an increase of activity in the office of the City Solicitor in the matter of civil litigation, municipal court prosecution and investigations and referrals of legal questions by the various City departments.

The civil action brought by the City of Somersworth against the Estate of Sarah Rollins was concluded after six years of litigation with very favorable results. The suits by the County of Strafford against the City of Somersworth are still pending and should be heard in 1956. Action was instituted against the City of Somersworth by Charles Cutter and Stephen Cutter for damages allegedly arising from a falling chimney located at the Chandler Building.

Numerous ordinances were drafted and accepted by the City Council and the usual number of legal questions from the various departments were received and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO H. CATER,
City Solicitor

FOREST GLADE CEMETERY

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

Herewith we submit a report of the affairs of Forest Glade Cemetery for the year ending December 31, 1955, as made up by the Clerk:

Receipts		
Trust Fund Income	$ 1,720.39	
Appropriations	7,000.00	
Income	1,329.75	
		$ 10,050.14
Expenditures		
Labor	$ 7,456.40	
Supplies	2,228.88	
		$ 9,685.28
Unexpended Balance		$ 364.86

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. HODSDON,
Superintendent

MELANIE W. SULLIVAN
MARY C. FURBUSH
FRED LEGRO
FRANK H. KINSMAN
Trustees, Forest Glade Cemetery

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

December 31st, 1955

Forest Glade Cemetery Trust Fund	$	56,671.24
Additional Deposits, 1955:		
Roscoe Edgerly Est.		1,000.00
Ida Earle		238.00
Henry Spinney		200.00
Obadiah Leonard		200.00
Hiram Wentworth		150.00
Somersworth Trust Fund in Somersworth Savings Bank	$	58,459.24
Chandler Trust Fund in Somersworth Savings Bank	$	2,000.00

Trustees of the Trust Fund:

MARY C. FURBUSH
GERARD L. GAUDREAU
JOHN R. HODSDON

We certify that we have examined the books of the Trustees of the Trust Fund for the city of Somersworth, January 31, 1955, and found them correct.

HAYWARD C. LOGAN,
M. C. O'CONNELL,
Auditors,

City of Somersworth.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

January 1, 1956

To the Trustees of the Somersworth Public Library:

Gentlemen:

My report as Librarian for the past year is herewith presented.

The closing of 1955 terminated a successful year's work for this library, although there were no important innovations in the schedule.

The circulation of books is an essential feature of library work and it is satisfactory to state that records show 18,142 books were borrowed for home reading; considering that the same number were returned, it means over 36,000 volumes were taken care of at the charging desk.

Adult books loaned numbered 10,574 (4577 non-fiction and 5,997 fiction).

Juvenile books loaned numbered 7,568 (2946 non-fiction and 4,622 fiction).

The number of new books accessioned was 667. These books were carefully selected, from more than 9,000 published, to satisfy the diversified requests of our patrons.

Some of the most important reference books purchased were:

Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia, 15 volumes;

Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians, 9 volumes;

Childcraft, 15 volumes;

New Hampshire Revised Statutes, 1955, 6 volumes.

Forty-two magazines were received by subscription and many more were donated by publishers and friends of the library.

Number of volumes in library, January 1, 1955	22,577
Number of volumes added during the year	667
	23,244
Number of volumes withdrawn from record	30
Number of volumes in library, January 1, 1956	23,164

The shelves installed upstairs somewhat relieve the crowded condition of the stacks in the main room.

Ten years have elapsed since the library was renovated.

You will notice that the entire room and hall need attention in this regard.

I would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation of your cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONA H. SAVITHES,
Librarian.



Students at work in the library of the new high school.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOMERSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

April 3, 1956

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

In submitting our report for the year 1955, we wish to call your attention to the Librarian's report. We feel that working on a very limited budget, our librarian has done an excellent job both as to the selection and the number of books added during the year. We are also very grateful to her for the interest she has shown in attempting to improve the atmosphere of the reading rooms. However, there is a limit to the extent one may go to cover obvious defects.

According to the report of the Librarian, ten years have elapsed since the library was renovated. In our last report, we elaborated on the needs of the library and asked that some attention be given to the hallway, the walls and ceiling of the interior, and the lights. In this modern age there is no real reason why patrons should be asked to read under the obsolescent lamps now in use. The eyes are an important part of the body and since light, good light, is necessary for them to function properly, we feel that the only remedy for the existing unfavorable condition is the immediate installation of fluorescent lamps. With the ceiling, walls and book stalls newly painted and the new lamps installed, your trustees, patrons of the library, and the citizens of our city would have something to which we could point with pride. We must never lose sight of the fact that a library is just as essential to the progress of a city as are its schools. We sincerely hope that these most necessary improvements will be made this year.

We, the Trustees, express our deepest appreciation for the cooperation you have given us in the past and for whatever assistance you may give during the coming year.

HENRY P. MULLEN, Chairman,
MISS CELOPIE SEMITROS,
ROLAND JENKINS,
MAX ISACOFF,
GERARD GAUDREAU,
Trustees.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To His Honor, the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955.

Buried Nuisance	175
Complaints from other sources	90
Disinfection of houses	15
Issued 33 milk licenses at $2.00 each	$66.00
Issued 1 milk license exempt by law of fee	1
Contagious Diseases:	
Polio	4

Respectfully submitted,

PETER N. CHASSE,
Sanitary Officer.



The new pumping station on Rocky Hill Road.

WATER WORKS

December 31, 1955

Board of Water Commissioners
Somersworth, N. H.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the report of the Water Department for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Services Repaired	21	Leaks Checked	40
Services Renewed	17	Cellars Pumped	33
New Services	66	Hydrants Flushed	190
Hydrants Repaired	6	Meter Leaks Checked	22
Frozen Meters	21	Freezeups	31
New Meters Installed	50	Changed Meters	19
Meter Reading Checked	121		

Following are the Water Extensions completed this year under Bond Expenditures and Developer Contributions.

BOND ISSUE EXPENDITURES

Amount of money spent as per City Accounts		$5,894.37
This cost is accounted for as follows:		
Nash Parkway, 856' 6" pipe laid, 1 hydrant, 4 ho. service		3,438.69
Kelwyn Park, 32' 6" pipe (entrance to development only)		731.85
Leclerc, 116' 6" pipe laid, 1 ho. ser.		311.33
Miscellaneous projects connected with 1954 program, including 8 house services		598.54
Material held in reserve for 1956 project		560.00
Added to inventory during year		253.96
Total		$5,894.37
Inventory January 1, 1955	$2,615.93	
Inventory January 1, 1955	2,869.89	

Following is the itemized account of expenditures of the Department for the year.

Exhibit A

Somersworth Water Works
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
As at December 31, 1955 and 1954

ASSETS

	December 31, 1955	1954	Increase or (Decrease)
Fixed Assets			
Land	$ 2,200.00	$ 2,200.00	$

Cash Bond Issue	302.12	1,537.35	(1,235.23)
Water Supply Structures	22,491.01	22,491.01	
Pumping Station Structures	32,869.20	32,869.20	
Water Supply Equipment	35,913.22	35,913.22	
Pumping Station Equipment	14,147.27	14,147.27	
Purification Equipment	1,076.18	1,076.18	
Water Storage Equipment	17,683.81	17.683.81	
Distribution Mains	307,393.31	303,586.44	3,806.87
Services	45,363.00	41,474.36	3,888.64
Hydrants	26,225.49	25,885.49	340.00
Meters	22,370.18	21,152.18	1,218.00
Truck	5,104.84	5,104.84	
Other Equipment	1,378.31	1,087.25	291.06
Total Fixed Assets	$ 534,517.94	$ 526,208.60	$ 8,309.34
Current Assets			
Material and Supplies	11,218.16	9,590.09	1,628.07
Accounts Receivable	14,565.96	14,632.27	(66.31)
Total Current Assets	25,784.12	24,222.36	1,561.76
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 560,302.06	$ 550,430.96	$ 9,871.10

LIABILITIES

Capital Liabilities			
Municipal Investment	$ 100,392.79	$ 100,392.79	$
Funded Debt	175,000.00	188,000.00	(13,000.00)
Total Capital Liabilities	275,392.79	288,392.79	(13,000.00)
Contributions to Aid in Construction	33,820.44	29,161.30	4,659.14
Reserve for Depreciation	184,980.07	176,182.95	8,797.12
Surplus	66,108.76	56,693.92	9,414.84
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$ 560,302.06	$ 550,430.96	$ 9,871.10

Exhibit B

Somersworth Water Works
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955 and 1954

	December 31, 1955	1954
Income		
Commercial Sales and Job Work	$ 60,637.72	$ 60,368.02

Operating Expenses		
Labor at Wells	2,035.00	1,824.80
Pumping Station, Expense	361.78	537.37
Power Purchased	4,873.13	5,018.06
Superintendence	2,035.00	1,820.00
Distribution Labor		254.14
Miscellaneous Distribution Expense	49.50	
Repairs to Mains	1,706.95	1,235.21
Repairs to Services	1,180.11	1,528.96
Repairs to Water Storage Equipment		2,483.52
Repairs to Hydrants	849.25	660.76
Repairs to Meters	509.77	561.88
Repairs to wells	16.49	718.59
Office Salaries and Expense	1,567.58	2,088.30
General Expense	876.40	860.00
Insurance	42.69	52.94
Shop Expense	563.61	981.15
Truck Expense	811.46	680.53
Interest	3,761.25	2,758.75
Purification Expense	108.00	143.00
Total Operating Expenses	21,347.97	24,207.96
Net Income Before Depreciation	39,289.75	36,160.06
Depreciation	8,797.12	7,428.06
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	$ 30,492.63	$ 28,732.00

WATER PUMPED 1955

January	15,653,000	July	19,038,700
February	14,184,830	August	18,239,500
March	16,023,600	September	15,623,600
April	16,035,000	October	15,036,500
May	16,987,500	November	14,272,000
June	16,744,500	December	15,627,800
			193,466,530

Maximum, March 13, 187,000 Minimum, July 22, 952,000

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN R. HODSDON,
Superintendent.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR

SOLDIERS' AID MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE YEAR OF 1955

SOLDIERS' AID MONTHLY 1955

	Gro.	Clo.	Fuel	No. Fam. Rent	No. Med.	No. Hosp.	Sing. B&C	off. ex.	Fam. Exp.	No. of	No. in	Sing Exp.	No.	Total
Jan.	12.00				91.19		359.29		12.00	1	4	450.48	11	462.48
Feb.	30.00		26.25				355.00		56.25	1	4	355.00	10	411.25
Mar.					15.00		359.29					374.29	10	374.29
April					27.19		379.29					406.48	10	406.48
May		2.98					381.43					384.41	10	384.41
June							379.29					379.29	10	379.29
July	40.00			32.00			325.59		72.00	8	32	325.59	10	397.59
Aug.	24.00						315.00		24.00	2	10	315.00	9	339.00
Sept.	60.00				1.19	87.00	305.67		60.00	5	25	394.86	10	453.86
Oct.	24.00				1.19		315.00		24.00	2	10	316.19	9	340.19
Nov.	12.00	18.47	8.40		17.84		315.00		20.40	2	8	381.31	12	371.71
Dec.							315.00					315.00	9	315.00
	$202.00	21.45	34.65	32.00	153.60	87.00	4104.85		268.65	21	93	4397.90	120	4635.55

JOHN J. DUFFY,
Overseer of Welfare

OVERSEER OF THE POOR

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH REPORT OF WELFARE AND RELIEF DEPARTMENT FOR YEAR 1955
DIRECT RELIEF AND OFFICE EXPENSE MONTHLY YEAR 1955

	Gro.	Clo.	Fuel	Rent	Med.	Hosp.	B.&C.	off. exp.	Fam. Exp.	No. of	No. in	Sing. Exp.	No.	Total
Jan.	75.00		44.30			3.00	73.10	25.35	50.55	3	12	144.85	14	220.75
Feb.	48.00				39.70		295.50	25.27				383.20	18	408.47
Mar.	54.00	44.45	8.75		26.16		290.16	35.05				423.52	31	458.57
Apr.	99.00		17.50		18.35		269.10	13.71	53.75	4	16	350.20	21	417.66
May	108.00				1.25		266.12	21.46	60.00	4	16	315.37	15	396.83
June	78.00	15.00			30.80		306.10	13.28	30.00	2	12	399.90	21	443.18
July	30.00	1.69			11.00		275.10	16.93				317.79	14	334.72
Aug.	24.00				20.15		293.13	11.20				337.28	14	348.48
Sept.	30.00				12.80		287.13	20.68				329.93	16	350.61
Oct.	54.00	7.00	8.40		36.00	20.00	293.13	26.54	72.90	4	21	345.63	16	445.07
Nov.	84.00	30.45	17.05	10.00	23.30		262.80	21.15	103.05	11	41	324.55	18	448.75
Dec.	104.00		43.25	15.00	7.20	20.00	269.79	49.68	158.25	17	46	300.99	14	508.92
	$788.00	98.59	139.25	25.00	226.71	43.00	3181.16	280.30	528.50	45	164	3973.01	212	4782.01

JOHN J. DUFFY,
Overseer of Welfare

OVERSEER OF THE POOR

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH WELFARE AND RELIEF REPORT MONTHLY FOR YEAR 1955
DIRECT RELIEF OFFICE EXPENSE PLUS OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

	Gro.	Col.	Fuel	Rent	Med.	Hosp.	B&C	off. exp.	O.A.A.	No. of	Fam. Exp.	No. of	No. of	Sing. Exp.	No.	Total
Jan.	44.30		44.30			3.00	73.25	25.35	251.63	23	50.55	3	12	144.85	14	472.38
Feb.	48.00				39.70		295.50	25.27	251.63	23				383.20	18	660.10
Mar.	54.00	44.45	8.75		26.16		290.16	35.05	343.63	24				423.52	31	802.20
Apr.	99.00		17.50		18.35		269.10	13.71	348.00	25	53.75	4	16	350.20	21	765.66
May	108.00				1.25		266.12	21.46	354.00	25	60.00	4	16	315.37	15	750.83
June	78.00	15.00			30.80		306.10	13.28	363.38	26	30.00	2	12	399.90	21	806.56
July	30.00	1.69			11.00		275.10	16.93	654.19	26				317.79	14	988.91
Aug.	24.00				20.15		293.13	11.20	341.88	24				337.28	14	690.36
Sept.	30.00				12.80		287.13	20.68	333.00	23				329.93	16	683.61
Oct.	54.00	7.00	8.40		36.00	20.00	293.10	26.54	335.13	22	72.90	4	21	345.63	16	780.20
Nov.	84.00	30.45	17.05	10.00	23.30		262.80	21.15	378.13	24	103.05	11	41	324.55	18	826.88
Dec.	104.00		43.25	15.00	7.20	20.00	269.79	49.68	395.00	25	158.25	17	46	300.99	14	903.92
	788.00	98.59	139.25	25.00	226.71	43.00	3181.13	280.30	4349.60	290	528.50	45	164	3973.21	212	9131.61
	202.00	21.45	34.65	32.00	153.60	87.00	4104.85				268.65	21	93	4397.90	120	4635.55

13,767.16

CREDITS REFUNDS FROM DIRECT RELIEF SOLDIERS AID PROBATION DEPT. O.A.A. 2,885.93

TOTAL COST 10,881.23

JOHN J. DUFFY,
Overseer of Welfare

FIRE CHIEF

Somersworth, N. H.
January 2, 1956

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

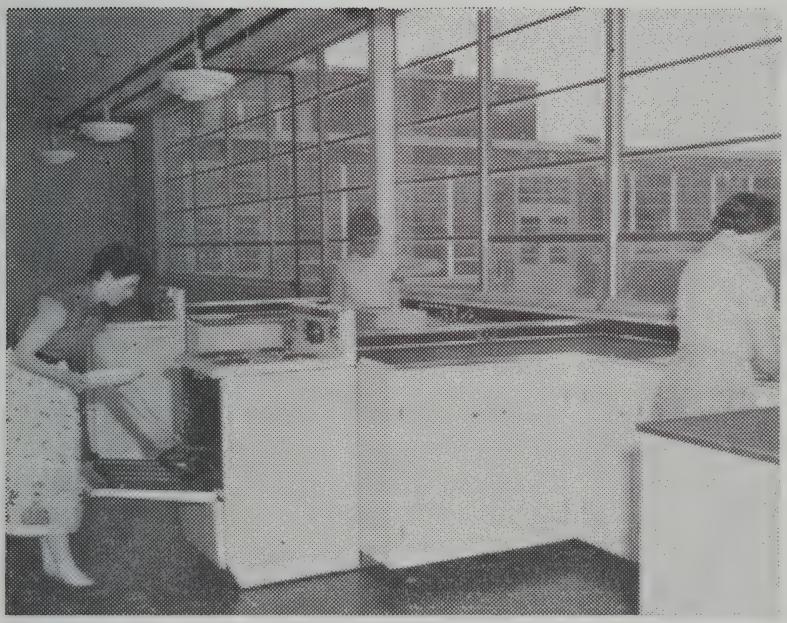
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report of the Somersworth Fire Department as follows:

Engineer Calls	45
Brush & Grass Alarms	11
Still Alarms	35
Box Alarms	14
Mutual Aid Calls	17
Total Alarms	122

Respectively submitted,

ALBERT M. LESSARD
Chief



Students learn the art of homemaking or prepare for careers in Home Economics with facilities which are part of the new Somersworth High School.

STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

To His Honor, the Mayor and City Council:

I herewith submit my report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955, A summary of the work completed the past year are as follows:

Oiling of Streets: The following streets that were graveled to final grade and treated with one coat of Tarvia and sealed with a coat of Asphalt are Wilson, Joyce, Drew, Laurier, Cote, Giroux, part of Davis, Alicia Ave., Wiggins Court, Sunset Drive and James Sts.

Streets that had been previously tarred and were retreated are Brick, Second, Third, Burke, Depot, Chesley Ave., Lee, Indigo Hill Rd., (Green to New Dam), Downs, Pine, School, Ford, Spring, Summer, Water, Union, Kings Lane, Central, Mt. Auburn, Tremont, Green, Orange, W. Green, Pleasant, Elm, Main (Franklin to Bennett), Lemelin Court, Edmund, Daniel, Bennett, Patricia, Washington, Fremont, Garden, Myrtle, Chandler School Yard, Green and Freight House Yard.

In addition to this the State under the T. R. A. program oiled part of Winter St., Indigo Hill Road, Blackwater Rd., and all of Buffumsville Road.

This report indicates that the oiling program for 1955 was quite extensive as we applied 31,000 gals. of Asphalt and 9,000 gals. of Tarvia.

Sidewalks: The Sidewalks Program consisted of Cement walk 58 ft. long front of Fire Station. Main St. from Indigo to Bennett St. 1,030 ft. long. Depot St. from Main St. to Second St. 1,160 ft. long. Hamilton St. both sides 915 ft. long.

We also topped the front of the Fire Station addition as well as many small patchings and repairing.

Playgrounds: As for the work done on Playgrounds, we made a new Little League Field to the rear of the Greek Cemetery on property owned by Councilman Fournier.

We also had to move the Football field from its former site to the Noble Pines Field. We kept all Ball Fields and Parks mowed at all times.

Rubbish Collections: This phase of our work has increased greatly due to the added homes and Streets that have been developed in the last few years. In 1954 the crew picked up 1,311 loads and in the year 1955, they picked 1,505 loads which is approximately 16% increase. This phase of our work now consumes a full 9-hour day.

New High School Project: We hauled thousands of yards of fill on the site of the new High School which in time will be the Athletic Field and also a great deal of loam from the Kelwyn Park area to the High school site which will also be used for the Athletic Field and the lawn of the new school.

As for the Winter Sand we screened and stock piled over 2,200 yards of Sand.

As for purchases of equipment we got: an Alemite Air Grease Unit; Electric Welding Unit; Motor (Walters Snow Fighter); Chevrolet (2-ton truck w/body).

The Cost of Operating Expense are as follows:

Freight	$ 43.37	Hurricane Repairs	36.89
Gasoline	4,615.98	Salt	846.32
Motor Oil	303.98	Patching	79.60
Electricity	246.94	Tires & Tubes	1,722.32
Telephone	311.46	Equipment	296.50
Fuel Oil	1,151.05	Water	25.20
Repairs	290.99	Signs	152.94
Parts	4,133.57	Culvert	44.30
Supplies	2,550.92		
Sewer	112.40		$ 18,310.76
Insurance	659.56	Tarring - Oiling	$7,052.73
Misc. Paid Out	686.65	Sidewalks	2,533.88
		Bridge Repair	127.80

This is a brief resume of the work that was done in 1955 in addition to our many and varied duties such as graveling of roads, cleaning and maintaining Catch Basins and Sewers and Sweeping Sts. Plowing, Sanding and Salting Streets, Putting up Street Signs, Lining Streets, etc.

In closing I wish to express my thanks to the Mayor, Members of the City Council and Citizens of Somersworth for their assistance

Respectively submitted,

OMER T. DeROY
Street Commissioner

PLAYGROUND REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and Playground Commission:

My report for the 1955 playground season is as follows:

The members of the playground staff, Mrs. Lou Hamel, Miss Naomie Diamond, Mr. William Elwell, Mr. Raymond Plant, and I feel that the youth of Somersworth were well cared for this past summer. From the middle of June until the end of August supervised activities and play areas were open from nine in the morning until nine in the evening. All age groups were considered in our program with planned activity for any and all persons who wished to participate.

Youngsters from the ages of five to fourteen naturally received the greatest attention. Over six hundred children registered with the staff and we estimate that another two or three hundred availed themselves of the playground without registering. Insofar as numbers are concerned it was a banner year for the playground area.

Baseball for the boys continued to be the big attraction with six teams of fourteen boys each organized into a midget league. In addition a four team league was also organized of boys between the ages of ten and fourteen. Two and often three games a day were played throughout the summer. In addition the staff acted in an organizational capacity for the Bigger Little League here in Somersworth

This year a special morning program for the girls was instituted which included puzzles, sewing, dolls, cutouts, lacing, knitting, coloring, drawing and hobbies. This phase was under the direction of Mrs. Hamel and Miss Diamond; it was a very satisfactory addition to our overall program.

Other daily activities included tennis, ping pong, horseshoe, bat ball, basketball, badminton, football, softball, checkers, shuffleboard and volleyball. Special weekly features were held such as pet shows, art contests, poster contests, talent shows, pie eating contests, hikes, picnics, tournaments in field and track, tournaments in three age groups in basketball, tennis, ping pong, badminton, horseshoe, baseball, and checkers.

This year the annual baseball trip to Fenway Park was cancancelled due to the polio epidemic in Boston. In place of this trip every child was given the opportunity to go on an all day beach trip to Ogunquit Beach. Over one hundred and sixty boys and girls made this trip to the beach. Other outside trips were made to Durham, Berwick and Dover for sport competition with other playgrounds. Over-

night trips were made to Blue Jobe Mountain and the beach for the boys.

The climax to the summer came on August 26th when the closing day activities were held. This year cake, ice cream and soft drinks were served to over five hundred children. Field and track events as well as a championship midget league baseball game were witnssed by well over one hundred persons. The expense for this program was borne by the Park Commission budget and the City as it should be.

Following are several recommendations which I believe are necessary in order that we continue to expand and improve the caliber of our City Playground and recreational facilities.

1. A new comfort station is absolutely necessary — the present one is totally inadequate and has reached a point of almost complete deterioration.

2. A new office and supply storage building is also necessary— the present building is in sad state — the ideal solution to the above two recommendations would be one building in which staff, supply and comfort areas would all be concentrated under one roof. This would give the advantage of having one building to care for and a central location for all equipment.

3. New basketball backboards and stands or frames are needed as the present set is broken.

4. Additional swings and new chains are needed as well as two new swing supports which were broken in past hurricanes.

5. The fence enclosing the baseball field is in need of repair due to erosion of the fill around some fence posts.

6. New tennis court nets — the present steel ones are too heavy for the supporting posts and are damaging the courts. I feel that rope nets replaced every two years will be easier to handle and the cost will be the same as the present nets, which are replaced every five or six years.

7. Wire fence around the tennis courts will have to be replaced in spots and repaired in others; this should not be a big item. Additional work should be done to prevent further erosion at the edges of the tennis courts which will in time cause the courts to be eaten away.

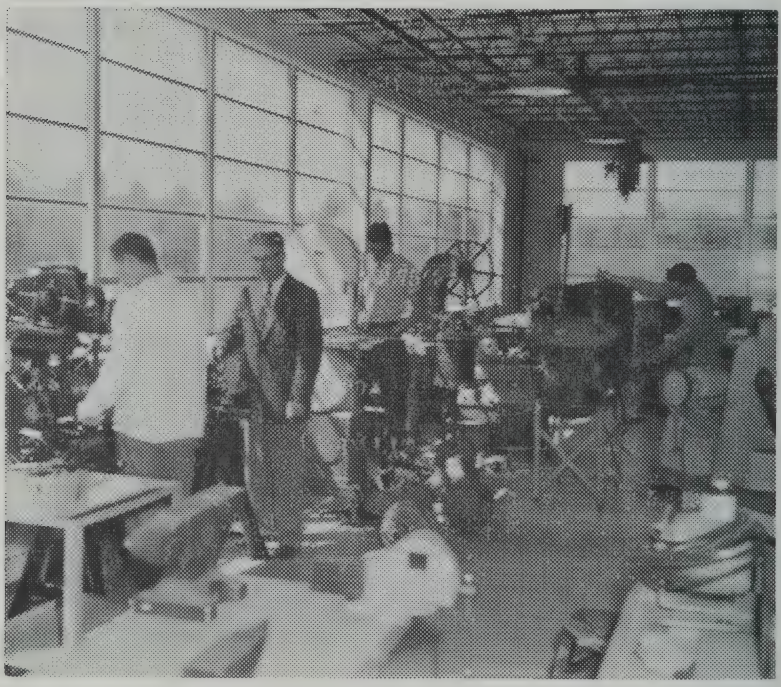
8. Last of all consideration should be given to the bleacher seats in back of the nets behind home plate. The planks are in need of replacement. In the future the wall behind home plate should be ex-

tended towards first and third base to cut down erosion that at present is not too serious.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who made our program a success this past summer. I especially want to thank the staff, the merchants who provided uniforms for the midget league, your Honor, and members of the Park Commission.

Respectivelly submitted,

ROBERT L. BRUNELLE
Director



Students at work in the machine shop of the new high school.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

Gentlemen of the City Council:

The City Treasurer herewith submits his report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, N. H.

DR.		CR.	
To Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1955	26,109.23	Bonds	$15,000.00
Auto Taxes, 1954	332.29	Cemetery	9,044.16
Auto Taxes, 1955	29,811.83	Cemetery Trust Fund	1,788.00
Cemetery Trust Fund,	1,788.00	Chandler Building	672.05
Cemetery Trust Funds Income	1,720.39	City Hall	23.85
Cemetery Income	1,329.75	County Tax	33,289.69
Chandler Building	540.00	Improvement Bonds, 1st	1,056.77
Chandler Fund Income	60.45	Fire Department	13,394.92
City Hall	80.00	Health	2.50
Dog Licenses	268.45	Highways	49,345.23
Miscellaneous Licenses	633.50	Highway Equipment	5,590.97
Notes Payable	274,000.00	Hydrant	4,000.00
Police Court Fees	1,000.00	Income Tax	8,938.24
State of New Hampshire	7,415.66	Interest	10,704.13
Sundries	25,286.91	Lights	13,625.99
Taxes 1950	2.00	Macadamizing	7,052.73
Taxes 1951	2.00	Miscellaneous	2,534.50
Taxes 1952	50.35	Municipal Building	2,134.49
Taxes 1953	3,678.37	Notes Payable	284,000.00
Taxes 1954	29,339.69	Outstanding Checks	6,561.29
Taxes 1955	342,044.71	Police	33,474.24
Water Works	47,598.50	Public Library	4,019.32
Head Tax 1955	16,375.00	Printing	1,614.50
Head Tax 1954	2,735.00	Salaries	31,751.37
Head Tax 1953	115.00	Schools	150,783.20
STATE OF N. H. ITEMS		Imp. Bonds, 2nd	72,221.27
Interest and Dividend Tax	3,945.66	Sundries	26,311.96
State Share "B" TRA	3,470.00	Tax Purchases	1,220.26
	$7,415.66	Water Works	39,877.48
Federal Funds Fiscal Year '55 Schools	1,609.02	Welfare and Relief	8,715.72
		Workmen's Compensation	1,392.29
		Head Taxes	18,073.10
		Insurance	3,583.19
		Land Improvement	468.00
		Land Purchase	2,500.00

Water Works Special	4,659.14
Timber Tax 1954	26.88
Property Settlement— Sarah Rollins Estate	2,596.00
Timber Tax 1955	209.41
General Fund	80,000.00

SUNDRIES ITEMS

Rent	
Highway Department, Equipment	574.20
School Department, Public Law 874	7,896.20
Police Department	15.50
Soldiers Aid	1,450.50
Public School Milk Fund	2,220.56
Redemption 1954 Levy	619.18
Redemption 1953 Levy	771.12
Redemption 1952 Levy	96.78
Parking Tickets	145.50
Tax Refund on Tires	2.42
Tuition	1,300.00
Bldg. Inspection	687.00
Refund—Gas and Oil Highway	1,162.98
Reimbursement—Highway	15.55
Board of Adjustment Fees	65.00
Direct Relief — Board and Care	944.10
State—School Milk Fund	208.60
Reimbursement — School Lunch	2,771.61
Head Tax	
Penalty—1955	21.00
Penalty 1954	262.00
Refund—Blue Cross	38.40
Penalty 1953	11.50
Highway Refund— Fire — Texaco	6.00
TRA Rent of Equipment	233.60
Reimbursement, Culverts	1,088.54
Sidewalks	2,804.92
Sinking Fund	1,940.00
Water Works Special	5,738.82

SUNDRIES ITEMS

Memorial Day	600.00
Repairs on Public Buildings	3,091.75
Association of NH Cities	50.00
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	1,045.60
Bridges	679.45
Building Code	687.00
Court Litigation	2,418.00
Culverts	850.33
District Nursing Serv.	1,500.00
F. I. C. A.	4,583.08
General Fund to N. H. S. Acct.	500.00
Industrial Council	233.80
Parks and Playgrounds	2,562.65
School Land Development	1,284.00
Sewer Survey	351.07
Soldiers Aid	4,434.84
Tree Spraying	350.00
Town Road Aid	470.80
Zoning	619.50
	$26,311.96
By Balance on hand	26,168.38
Total	$901,427.53

Cemetery Trust Fund	58,459.24
Chandler Trust Funds	2,000.00
Garage Settlement — Rollins Estate	5,277.51
Richard Royal Eastman Memorial Prize	525.42
Street Construction — Sinking Fund	5,997.67

Special School Lunch Reimbursement, Feb.	102.12
Refunds, Ins. On Pleasant St. Property	4.60
Sale of Hurricane Lumber	300.00
Settlement Forest Fire Apr. 10	57,27
Interest — Taxes, 1954	161.80
Interest — Taxes, 1953	11.86
Forest Fires	14.57
Sale of Maps	8.75
Sale of Old Iron at Fire Station	27.22
Tel. Refund — Police Station	86.44
Labor — Car Damage Highway	115.00
Reimbursement — Supplies	116.70
Interest 1954 Timber Tax	.82
New High School Reimb. Gen. Fund	500.00
Reimb. Old Age Assistance	436.38
Zoning Fees	25.00
Tax Sale Cost	88.94
Sale of Paper	1.00
Sale of 2 old Fire Trucks	400.00
Rent, High St. Garage	114.00
Gas Tax Refund	7.60
Reimb. Medical Expense	99.00
	$25,286.91

Forest Glade Cemetery Gate Fund	2,715.82

BLANCHE LAGUEUX
City Treasurer

Report of the Auditors for the Year Ending December 31, 1955

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

We herewith submit our report as auditors for the year ending December 31, 1955.

We certify that we have examined the books and vouchers of the City Clerk and City Treasurer. We find the accounts to agree with orders drawn on the Treasurer, and accounts correctly cast.

We have examined the books of the Tax Collector, Water Department, Superintendent of Forest Glade Cemetery, City Messenger, the Clerk of the Municipal Court, the Trustee of Trust Funds and find all accounts correctly cast and properly vouchered.

We thank the heads of all departments for their cooperation in assisting us in every way possible.

Respectively submitted,

HAYWARD C. LOGAN,
M. C. O'CONNELL,

City Auditors,
Somersworth, N. H.

Bonded Indebtedness

WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENT AND EXTENSION BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held April 18, 1949, the Finance Committee of the City Council and City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell $53,000.00 Water Works Improvement and Extension Bonds, (nos. 1 to 53) dated June 1, 1949, payable June 1, $3,000.00 in 1950 to 1962 and $2,000.00 in 1963 to 1969.

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
June 1, 1956	53,000.00	$18,000.00	$35,000.00

Rate 2¼%

Date Due	Principal	Interest
June 1, 1956	$ 3,000.00	$ 393.75
Dec. 1, 1956		360.00
June 1, 1957	3,000.00	360.00
Dec. 1, 1957		326.25
June 1, 1958	3,000.00	326.25
Dec. 1, 1958		292.50
June 1, 1959	3,000.00	292.50
Dec. 1, 1959		258.75
June 1, 1960	3,000.00	258.75
Dec. 1, 1960		225.00
June 1, 1961	3,000.00	225.00
Dec. 1, 1961		191.25
June 1, 1962	3,000.00	191.25
Dec. 1, 1962		157.50
June 1, 1963	2,000.00	157.50
Dec. 1, 1963		135.00
June 1, 1964	2,000.00	135.00
Dec. 1, 1964		112.50
June 1, 1965	2,000.00	112.50
Dec. 1, 1965		90.00
June 1, 1966	2,000.00	90.00
Dec. 1, 1966		67.50
June 1, 1967	2,000.00	67.50
Dec. 1, 1967		45.00
June 1, 1968	2,000.00	45.00

Dec. 1, 1968		22.50
June 1, 1969	2,000.00	22.50
	$35,000.00	$4,961.25

SEWER AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION AND EXTENSION BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, N. H., at a meeting held April 18, 1949, the Finance Committee of the City Council and City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell $37,000.00 and $10,000.00 a total of $47,000.00 Sewer Extension and Sidewalk Construction Bonds, Nos. 1 to 47 dated June 1, 1949, payable June 1, $3,000.00 in 1950 to 1956 and $2,000.00 in 1957 to 1969.

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
June 1, 1949	$47,000.00	$18,000.00	$29,000.00

Rate 2¼%

Date Due	Principal	Interest
June 1, 1956	$3,000.00	$326.25
Dec. 1, 1956		292.50
June 1, 1957	2,000.00	292.50
Dec. 1, 1957		270.00
June 1, 1958	2,000.00	270.00
Dec. 1, 1958		247.25
June 1, 1959	2,000.00	247.25
Dec. 1, 1959		225.00
June 1, 1960	2,000.00	225.00
Dec. 1, 1960		202.50
June 1, 1961	2,000.00	202.50
Dec. 1, 1961		180.00
June 1, 1962	2,000.00	180.00
Dec. 1, 1962		157.50
June 1, 1963	2,000.00	157.50
Dec. 1, 1963		135.00
June 1, 1964	2,000.00	135.00
Dec. 1, 1964		112.50
June 1, 1965	2,000.00	112.50
Dec. 1, 1965		90.00
June 1, 1966	2,000.00	90.00
Dec. 1, 1966		67.50
June 1, 1967	2,000.00	67.50

Dec. 1, 1967		45.00
June 1, 1968	2,000.00	45.00
Dec. 1, 1968		22.50
June 1, 1969	2,000.00	22.50
	$ 29,000.00	$ 4,420.75

WATER BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held November 21, 1952, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and the City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell $100,000.00 Bonds to be known as Water Bonds Nos. 1 to 100 dated December 1, 1952, payable December 1, 1953, to 1972.

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
Dec. 1, 1952	$100,000.00	$15,000.00	$85,000.00

Rate 2%

Date Due	Principal	Interest
June 1, 1956		$ 850.00
Dec. 1, 1956	5,000.00	850.00
June 1, 1957		800.00
Dec. 1, 1957	5,000.00	800.00
June 1, 1958		750.00
Dec. 1, 1958	5,000.00	750.00
June 1, 1959		700.00
Dec. 1, 1959	5,000.00	700.00
June 1, 1960		650.00
Dec. 1, 1960	5,000.00	650.00
June 1, 1961		600.00
Dec. 1, 1961	5,000.00	600.00
June 1, 1962		550.00
Dec. 1, 1962	5,000.00	550.00
June 1, 1963		500.00
Dec. 1, 1963	5,000.00	500.00
June 1, 1964		450.00
Dec. 1, 1964	5,000.00	450.00
June 1, 1965		400.00
Dec. 1, 1965	5,000.00	400.00
June 1, 1966		350.00
Dec. 1, 1966	5,000.00	350.00
June 1, 1967		300.00

Dec. 1, 1967	5,000.00	300.00
June 1, 1968		250.00
Dec. 1, 1968	5,000.00	250.00
June 1, 1969		200.00
Dec. 1, 1969	5,000.00	200.00
June 1, 1970		150.00
Dec. 1, 1970	5,000.00	150.00
June 1, 1971		100.00
Dec. 1, 1971	5,000.00	100.00
June 1, 1972		50.00
Dec. 1, 1972	5,000.00	50.00
	$ 85,000.00	$ 15,300.00

STREET BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held November 21, 1952, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and the City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell $55,000.00 Bonds to be known as Street Bonds Nos. 1 to 55 dated December 1, 1952, payable December 1, $5,000.00 in 1953 to 1963.

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
Dec. 1, 1952	$55,000.00	$15,000.00	$40,000.00

Rate 2%

Date Due	Principal	Interest
June 1, 1956		$400.00
Dec. 1, 1956	5,000.00	400.00
June 1, 1957		350.00
Dec. 1, 1957	5,000.00	350.00
June 1, 1958		300.00
Dec. 1, 1958	5,000.00	300.00
June 1, 1959		250.00
Dec. 1, 1959	5,000.00	250.00
June 1, 1960		200.00
Dec. 1, 1960	5,000.00	200.00
June 1, 1961		150.00
Dec. 1, 1961	5,000.00	150.00
June 1, 1962		100.00
Dec. 1, 1962	5,000.00	100.00
June 1, 1963		50.00
Dec. 1, 1963	5,000.00	50.00
	$ 40,000.00	$ 3,600.00

IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held June 26, 1952, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and the City Treasurer, were authorized to prepare and sell $35,000.00 Bonds to be known as Improvement Bonds, Nos. 1 to 5 dated September 1, 1952, payable September 1, $7,000.00, 1953 to 1957.

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
Sept. 1, 1952	$35,000.00	$21,000.00	$14,000.00

Rate 2¼

Date Due	Principal	Interest
Mar. 1, 1956		$157.50
Sept. 1, 1956	7,000.00	157.50
Mar. 1, 1957		78.75
Sept. 1, 1957	7,000.00	78.75
	$ 14,000	$ 472.50

WATER WORKS BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held September 7, 1954, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and the City Treasurer were authorized to issue and sell $60,000.00 Bonds known as Water Works Bonds, payable in annual payments of $5,000.00 for the years 1955 to 1966 inclusive.

Date Issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
Oct. 1, 1954	$60,000.00	$5,000.00	$55,000.00

Rate 1.90%

Due Date	Principal	Interest
April 1, 1956		$522.50
Oct. 1 1956	5,000.00	522.50
Apr. 1 1957		475.00
Oct. 1 1957	5,000.00	475.00
Apr. 1 1958		427.50
Oct. 1 1958	5,000.00	427.50
Apr. 1 1959		380.00
Oct. 1 1959	5,000.00	380.00
Apr. 1 1960		332.50
Oct. 1 1960	5,000.00	332.50
Apr. 1 1961		285.00
Oct. 1 1961	5,000.00	285.00

Apr. 1 1962		237.50
Oct. 1 1962	5,000.00	237.50
Apr. 1 1963		190.00
Oct. 1 1963	5,000.00	190.00
Apr. 1 1964		142.50
Oct. 1 1964	5,000.00	142.50
Apr. 1 1965		95.00
Oct. 1 1965	5,000.00	95.00
Apr. 1 1966		47.50
Oct. 1 1966	5,000.00	47.50
	$55,000.00	$ $6,270.00

SCHOOL BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, N. H., at a meeting held Oct. 13, 1954, and also on October 20, 1955, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell $480,000.00 Bonds to be known as School Bonds (Nos. 1 to 480) dated December 1, 1955, payable December 1, 1955, $30,000.00 and $25,000.00 in 1957 to 1974.

Rate 2.75%

Date Issued	Amt. Issued	Amt. Redeemed	Outstanding
Dec. 1, 1955	$480,000.00		480,000.00

Date Due	Principal	Interest
June 1, 1956		$6,600.00
Dec. 1, 1956	30,000.00	6,600.00
June 1, 1957		6,187.50
Dec. 1, 1957	25,000.00	6,187.50
June 1, 1958		5,843.75
Dec. 1, 1958	25,000.00	5,843.75
June 1, 1959		5,500.00
Dec. 1, 1959	25,000.00	5,500.00
June 1, 1960		5,156.25
Dec. 1, 1960	25,000.00	5,156.25
June 1, 1961		4,812.50
Dec. 1, 1961	25,000.00	4,812.50
June 1, 1962		4,468.75
Dec. 1, 1962	25,000.00	4,468.75
June 1, 1963		4,125.00
Dec. 1, 1963	25,000.00	4,125.00
June 1, 1964		3,781.25
Dec. 1, 1964	25,000.00	3,781.25

June 1, 1965		3,437.50
Dec. 1, 1965	25,000.00	3,437.50
June 1, 1966		3,093.75
Dec. 1, 1966	25,000.00	3,093.75
June 1, 1967		2,750.00
Dec. 1, 1967	25,000.00	2,750.00
June 1, 1968		2,406.25
Dec. 1, 1968	25,000.00	2,406.25
June 1, 1969		2,062.50
Dec. 1, 1969	25,000.00	2,062.50
June 1, 1970		1,718.75
Dec. 1, 1970	25,000.00	1,718.75
June 1, 1971		1,375.00
Dec. 1, 1971	25,000.00	1,375.00
June 1, 1972		1,031.25
Dec. 1, 1972	25,000.00	1,031.25
June 1, 1973		687.50
Dec. 1, 1973	25,000.00	687.50
June 1, 1974		343.75
Dec. 1, 1974	25,000.00	343.75
	$480,000.00	$ 130,762.50

Valuation

	1955	1954	
Real Estate	$5,824,100.00	$5,633,177.00	
Electric Plants	650,000.00	658,245.00	
Horses (4)	340.00	415.00	(5)
Cows (174)	15,010.00	14,295.00	(165)
Other Neat Stock (2)	150.00	225.00	(3)
Sheep and Goats		30.00	(2)
Hogs (3)	75.00	100.00	(4)
Fowl (2135)	1,605.00	3,105.00	(4135)
Fur Bearing Animals		170.00	(17)
Value of Wood and Lumber	1,309.00	1,472.00	
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	6,400.00	6,400.00	
Value of Stock in Trade	1,487,480.00	1,411,465.00	
Mills, Machinery and Factories	1,220,625.00	1,221,063.00	
	9,207,094.00	8,950,162.00	
Soldiers' Exemptions	503,140.00	448,805.00	
Net Valuation	8,703,954.00	8,501,357.00	
Somersworth National Bank (818 Shares)	818.00	809.00	(809)
First National Bank, Somersworth (774 Shares)	774.00	774.00	(774)
First National Bank, Rochester (31 Shares	7.75	7.75	(31)
Newmarket National Bank (20 Shares)	10.00	10.50	(20)

Appropriations

	1954	1955
Bonds	$ 12,500.00	$ 12,500.00
Interest on Bonds	2,383.75	2,058.75
Town Road Aid	432.80	470.80
Cemetery	7,000.00	7,000.00
Fire Department	13,000.00	13,000.00
Highway	50,000.00	53,000.00
Hydrants	4,000.00	4,000.00
Library	4,612.00	4,700.00
Macadam	4,000.00	7,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,500.00	2,400.00
Municipal Building	2,000.00	2,000.00
District Nursing Service	1,500.00	1,500.00
Parks & Playgrounds	3,500.00	3,000.00
Interest — Notes	5,237.14	4,884.22
Police	33,862.44	36,865.44
Printing	2,500.00	2,400.00
Repair, Public Buildings	2,700.00	3,000.00
Schools	128,904.80	138,070.40
Salaries	35,601.97	36,373.41
Street Lights	13,700.00	13,800.00
Welfare and Relief	15,000.00	15,000.00
County Tax	33,309.88	34,000.00
Memorial Day	600.00	600.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,000.00	1,000.00
Seacoast Region Membership	150.00	150.00
Planning Board	1,000.00	1,000.00
Social Security	1,728.00	2,300.00
Sewers	1,000.00	
Sidewalks	3,000.00	3,000.00
Highway Equipment	14,000.00	5,590.97
Street Sinking Fund	1,940.00	970.00
Bicentennial	3,000.00	
Bridges, Eddy and New Dam		1,000.00
Disabled American Veterans	300.00	
Industrial Council	300.00	500.00
Insurance — Public Buildings	2,891.18	3,583.18
Tree Spraying	350.00	350.00
Association of N. H. Cities		50.00
Sewerage Survey		3,500.00
Land Improvements		500.00
Equalization		4,500.00

Land Purchases	2,500.00
Interest on Short Term Loans	
New High School	5,000.00
Total Appropriations	$ 449,117.16
Estimated Revenue	65,627.90
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	383,489.26



The cafeteria in the new high school where lunches are prepared for students of all schools in the city.

Departmental Expenditures

ASSOCIATION OF N. H. CITIES

Annual Dues	$ 50.00	
City Treasurer	50.00	
By Appropriation	50.00	

BUILDING CODE

Joseph L. Bernier, Bldg. Inspector		$ 687.00
City Treasurer		687.00
By Receipts		687.00

BONDS

Sewer and Sidewalk Bonds		$ 3,000.00
Improvement Bonds		7,000.00
Street Bonds—$2,500.00		
2,500.00 from State		5,000.00
		$ 15,000.00
City Treasurer		15,000.00
By Appropriation	$ 12,500.00	
From State of N. H.	2,500.00	
		$ 15,000.00

BRIDGES

Painting Contractor	$ 497.50	
Stock and Labor	181.95	
	$ 679.45	
By Appropriation	$ 1,000.00	
Transferred to General Fund	320.55	
	$ 679.45	

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD

N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	$ 1,173.40	$ 1,173.40
Outstanding	127.80	
	$ 1,045.60	
City Treasurer	1,045.60	
Blue Cross Refund	66.20	
Transferred From General Fund	1,007.20	
		$ 1,173.40

CEMETERY

Supt's. Salary (Gross)	$ 1,716.00	

Labor (Gross)			5,740.40	
Total Salaries (Gross)			$ 7,456.40	$ 7,456.40
Deductions:				
Withholding	$ 463.10			
F.I.C.A.	143.89			
Total Deductions			$ 606.99	
Total Net Salaries			6,849.41	
Supplies	$ 693.93			
Seeds	101.80			
Turf Builder	29.60			
Gas and Oil	206.01			
Plants and Shrubs	336.08			
Equipment	607.69			
Parts	124.97			
Tree Removal	128.80			
			$ 2,228.88	$ 2,228.88
			$ 9,078.29	$ 9,685.28
Outstanding Checks			34.13	
			$ 9,044.16	
City Treasurer			$ 9,044.16	
Cemetery Trust Funds Income			1,720.39	
Cemetery Income			1,329.75	
By Appropriation			7,000.00	
			$ 10,050.14	
Transferred to General Fund			364.86	
				$ 9,685.28

CHANDLER BUILDING

Fuel	$ 573.22			
Lights	21.00			
Water	14.40			
Supplies	6.30			
Insurance	24.72			
Repairs	104.85			
			$ 744.49	$ 744.49
Outstanding Checks			72.44	
			$ 672.05	
City Treasurer			672.05	
By Receipts			540.00	
Transferred from General Fund			204.49	
				$ 744.49

CITY HALL

Water	$ 17.20		
Supplies	6.65		
		$ 23.85	
City Treasurer		$ 23.85	
By Receipts		80.00	
Transferred to General Fund		56.15	
			$ 23.85

CULVERT PIPE

Pipe	$ 850.33		$ 850.33
City Treasurer	850.33		
Received from State Highway Department		$ 1,088.54	
Transferred to General Fund		238.21	
			$ 850.33

COUNTY TAX

County Tax, 1955		$ 33,289.69	
City Treasurer		33,289.69	
By Appropriation			$ 34,000.00
Transferred to General Fund			710.31
			$ 33,289.69

COURT LITIGATION

Attorney's Fee re: Rollins Estate		$ 2,418.00	
City Treasurer		2,418.00	
Property Settlement—			
Sarah Rollins Estate			$ 2,596.00
Transferred to General Fund			178.00
			$ 2,418.00

DISTRICT NURSING SERVICE

Treasurer, District Nursing Asso.			$ 1,500.00
City Treasurer			1,500.00
By Appropriation			1,500.00

F. I. C. A.

Treasurer, State of N. H. for Social Security			4,583.08
City Treasurer			4,583.08
By Appropriation	$ 2,300.00		
Payroll Deductions	2,308.23		
	$ 4,608.23		
Transferred to General Fund	25.15		
			$ 4,583.08

FIRE

Firemen's Semi-Annual Payroll		$ 4,830.00	
Assistant Drivers		619.26	
Fire Alarm Maintenance		200.00	
Labor		319.40	
Total Salaries (Gross)		$ 5,968.66	$ 5,968.66
Deductions:			
Witholding	$ 49.20		
F. I. C. A.	119.35		
		$ 168.55	
Total Salaries (Net)		$ 5,800.11	
Gas and Telephone	$ 357.78		
Lights and Fuel	1,325.99		
Supplies	2,532.22		
Truck Repair and Maintenance	1,024.74		
Insurance	815.75		
Miscellaneous	375.61		
Fire Alarm Repairs	155.29		
Repairs	596.65		
Equipment	276.47		
Water	28.80		
Labor	69.09		
Gas and Oil	83.78		
Inspections	100.00		
		$ 7,742.17	$ 7,742.17
		$ 13,542.28	$ 13,710.83
Outstanding Checks		147.36	
		$ 13,394.92	
City Treasurer		$ 13,394.92	
By Appropriation		$ 13,000.00	
Reimbursement — Forest Fires		71.84	
Sale of Old Iron		27.22	
Sale of Two Old Fire Trucks		400.00	
Sale of Paper		1.00	
Transferred from General Fund		210.77	
			$ 13,710.83

HEAD TAXES

State Treasurer for 1954 Taxes	$ 3,706.60	
State Treasurer for 1955 Taxes	14,366.50	
		$ 18,073.10
City Treasurer		$ 18,073.10

Head Tax Penalty — 1953		$ 11.50	
Head Tax Penalty — 1954		262.00	
Head Tax Penalty — 1955		21.00	
Head Tax Collections — 1953		115.00	
Head Tax Collections — 1954		2,735.00	
Head Tax Collections — 1955		16,375.00	
		$ 19,519.50	
Transferred to General Fund		1,446.40	
			$ 18,073.10

HEALTH

Supplies			$ 2.50
City Treasurer			$ 2.50
Transferred from General Fund			$ 2.50

HIGHWAY

Labor (Gross)		$ 33,986.21	$ 33,986.21
Deductions:			
Withholding	1,868.90		
Blue Cross	300.55		
F. I. C. A.	679.62		
		$ 2,849.07	
Labor (Net)		$ 31,137.14	
Supplies	$ 2,550.92		
Tires and Tubes	1,722.32		
Equipment	296.50		
Signs	152.94		
Culverts and Sewers	156.70		
Insurance	659.56		
Parts	4,133.57		
Repairs	290.90		
Fuel	1,151.05		
Telephone	311.46		
Lights	246.94		
Motor Oil	303.98		
Gasoline	4,615.98		
Freight	43.37		
Miscellaneous	686.65		
Salt	846.32		
Patching	79.60		
Water	25.20		
Hurricane	36.80		
		$ 18,310.76	$ 18,310.76
		$ 49,447.90	$ 52,296.97

Outstanding Checks	102.67	
	$ 49,345.23	
City Treasurer	$ 49,345.23	
By Appropriation	$ 53,000.00	
Rental of Highway Equipment	807.80	
Highway Refund	21.55	
Refund — Gas and Oil	1,162.98	
T. R. A. Refund	1,088.54	
Sale of Hurricane Lumber	300.00	
Refund — Property Damage by Car	115.00	
Refund — G. E. For Salt and Sand	116.70	
Rent — High St. Garage	114.00	
	$ 56,726.57	
Transferred to General Fund	$4,429.60	
		$ 52,296.97

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

1955 Ford Truck	$ 2,400.00	
1955 Chevrolet Truck with Dump Body	3,190.00	
	$ 5,590.97	
City Treasurer	$ 5,590.97	
By Appropriation	$ 5,590.97	

HYDRANTS

Somersworth Water Works		
Hydrant Rental		$ 4,000.00
City Treasurer		$ 4,000.00
By Appropriation		$ 4,000.00

IMPROVEMENT BONDS
(2nd Bond Issue)

Sewerage		
Contractor	$ 11,828.42	
Engineer	3,042.05	
Pipe	7,402.81	
Labor and Material	513.25	
		$ 22,786.53
Fire Truck:		
Ladder Truck	$ 34,549.00	
Down Payment — Pumper	400.00	
		$ 34,949.00
Fire Station Addition:		
Contractor	$ 14,491.08	
Supplies	235.05	

Fill and Grading		64.00	
Heating and Plumbing		4,042.06	
		$ 18,832.19	
			$ 76,567.72
Outstanding Checks		$ 4,346.45	
			$ 72,221.27
City Treasurer			$ 72,221.27
Temporary Transfer from H. S. Bond Pending Receipt of Sale of Improvement Bonds			$ 80,000.00
Total Improvement Expenditures			$ 76,567.72
Unexpended Improvement Bond Balance			$ 3,432.28

IMPROVEMENT BONDS
(1st Bond Issue)

Bond Balance			$ 1,069.34
Sewers	$ 42.50		
Fire Station	479.27		
Chandler Building	535.00		
	$ 1,056.77	$	1,056.77
City Treasurer	$ 1,056.77		
Balance		$	12.57

INTEREST

Tax Anticipation Notes	$ 4,507.70		
Improvement Bonds	472.50		
School Construction Bonds	4,137.68		
Street Bonds	900.00		
Sewer and Sidewalk Bonds	686.25		
	$ 10,704.13	$	10,704.13
City Treasurer		$	10,704.13
By Appropriation — Notes Payable	$ 4,884.22		
By Appropriation Bonds	2,058.75		
By Appropriation—New High School	$5,000.00		
	$ 11,942.97		
Transferred to General Fund	$ 1,238.84		
		$	10,704.13

INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL

Services and Expenses		$	233.80
City Treasurer		$	233.80
By Appropriation	$ 500.00		

Transferred to General Fund		266.20	
			$ 233.80

INSURANCE

Insurance on City's Buildings		$ 3,583.19
City Treasurer		$ 3,583.19
By Appropriation		$ 3,583.19

LAND IMPROVEMENTS

Brook Excavation	$ 204.00		
Bulldozer	$ 135.00		
Land Survey	$ 129.00		
	$ 468.00		
City Treasurer			$ 468.00
By Appropriation	$ 500.00		
Transferred to General Fund		32.00	
			$ 468.00

LAND PURCHASES

Parcel of Land—New High School	$ 2,500.00
City Treasurer	$ 2,500.00
By Appropriation	$ 2,500.00

LIBRARY

Librarian	$ 2,620.00			
Clerk	300.30			
Janitor	124.00			
Total Salaries (Gross)		$ 3,044.30	$	3,044.30
Deductions				
Withholding Taxes	$ 223.40			
Blue Cross and Shield	27.00			
F. I. C. A.	60.86			
		$ 311.26		
Total Salaries (Net)		$ 2,733.04		
Books	$ 1,306.57			
Supplies	13.70			
Lights and Telephone	171.07			
Printing	38.60			
Magazines	125.45			
		$ 1,655.39	$	1,655.39
		$ 4,388.43	$	4,699.69
Outstanding Checks		369.11		

			$ 4,019.32	
City Treasurer			4,019.32	
By Appropriation	$ 4,700.00			
½ Chandler Fund Income	30.23			
			$ 4,730.23	
Transferred to General Fund	30.54			
			$ 4,699.69	$ 4,699.69

MACADAM

Blue Rock Mix	$ 39.20		
Tarvia	1,337.53		
Asphalt	4,116.00		
Tar	1,560.00		
		$	7,052.73
City Treasurer		$	7,052.73
By Appropriation	$ 7,000.00		
Transferred to Gen. Fund	52.73		
		$	7,052.73

MEMORIAL DAY

American Legion Post No. 69	$	450.00
Dumont-Lessard Post No. 4485	$	150.00
	$	600.00
City Treasurer	$	600.00
By Appropriation	$	600.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor's Office—Supplies, Postage	$ 102.55		
City Clerk's Office—Supplies, Postage	266.28		
Tax Collector's Office—Supplies, Postage	296.75		
Assessors	509.53		
Official's Bonds	216.80		
Administrative Cost of OASI	161.60		
Director of Civil Defense	50.00		
Miscellaneous	56.13		
Hall Rental for Unemployment Registration	624.00		
Election Expenses	173.55		
City Solicitor's Office	141.76		
City Engineer	4.30		
	$ 2,603.25	$	2,603.25
Outstanding Checks	68.75		
	$ 2,534.50		

City Treasurer		$ 2,534.50	
By Appropriation	$ 2,400.00		
Sale of Maps	8.75		
Transferred from General Fund	194.50		
	$ 2,603.50		$ 2,603.50

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Salaries	$ 47.20		$ 47.20
F. I. C. A.	.95		
		$ 46.25	
Fuel	828.75		
Lights	259.56		
Supplies	536.28		
Telephone	412.90		
Repairs	37.75		
Water	13.00		
		$ 2,088.24	$ 2,088.24
		$ 2,134.49	$ 2,135.44
City Treasurer		$ 2,134.49	
By Appropriation		$ 2,000.00	
Transferred from General Fund		135.44	
			$ 2,135.44

NOTES PAYABLE

Tax Anticipation Notes	$ 284,000.00
City Treasurer	$ 284,000.00
Transferred from General Fund	$ 284,000.00

NEW HIGH SCHOOL GENERAL FUND

New High School General Fund	$ 500.00
City Treasurer	$ 500.00
By New High School Reimbursement	$ 500.00

NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Labor (Gross)		$ 764.11	
Deductions:			
Tax	$ 50.30		
F.I.C.A.	15.19		
		$ 65.49	$ 698.62
Land Acquisition		$ 1,550.00	
Contractor		302,932.34	
Performance Bond		3,875.66	

Miscellaneous	437.35	
Engineer	170.50	
Supplies	903.36	
Insurance	720.07	
Repayment of Loan	500.00	
Clearing Land	3,500.00	
Equipment	3,500.16	
		$ 322,423.04
		$ 323,121.66
Outstanding Checks		245.78
		$ 322,875.88
Sale of Bonds	$ 480,000.00	
Accrued Interest	513.33	
Refund—Public Service Co.	444.17	
Temporary Transfer from Gen. Fund	500.00	
		$ 481,457.50
Total Expenditures	$ 323,121.66	
Outstanding Checks	245.78	
Temporary Transfer to General Fund Pending Proceeds of Sale of Improvement Bonds	$ 80,000.00	
	$ 402,875.88	
Balance in Somersworth National Bank	$ 78,581.62	
		$ 181,457.50

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Labor (Gross)		$ 1,834.00	$ 1,834.00
Deductions:			
Withholding Taxes	$ 228.10		
F. I. C. A.	36.68		
		$ 264.78	
Labor (Net)		$ 1,569.22	
Lights	$ 233.38		
Supplies—Noble Pines	729.75		
Municipal Park	26.55		

Football Field	3.75		
		$ 993.43	$ 993.43
		$ 2,562.65	$ 2,827.43
City Treasurer		$ 2,562.65	
By Appropriation		$ 3,000.00	
Transferred to Gen. Fund		$ 172.57	
			$ 2,827.43

PRINTING

City Clerk	$ 128.50		
Tax Collector	120.10		
City Reports	616.00		
Assessors	11.00		
Ordinances:			
Hearings and Resolutions	323.28		
City Engineer	2.10		
City Solicitor	27.25		
Board of Health	19.75		
Zoning	8.00		
Check Lists	358.52		
		$ 1,614.50	$ 1,614.50
City Treasurer		$ 1,614.50	
By Appropriation		2,400.00	
Transferred to General Fund		785.50	
			$ 1,614.50

POLICE

Salaries (Gross)		$ 30,979.95	$ 30,979.95
Deductions:			
Withholding Taxes	$ 2,383.30		
Retirement	863.90		
Blue Cross	233.75		
F. I. C. A.	20.71		
		$ 3,501.66	
		$ 27,478.29	
N. H. Police Ret. Board			
City Share's	$ 1,003.20		
Payroll Deductions		$ 863.90	$ 863.90
Telephone	1,374.48		$ 30,116.05

Lights	306.45		
Supplies	474.00		
Cruiser Repair and Maintenance	1,841.04		
Miscellaneous	83.24		
Radio Repairs	103.46		
Insurance	75.20		
Printing	46.00		
Repairs	39.70		
		$ 6,210.67	$ 6,210.67
		$ 33,688.96	$ 36,326.72
Outstanding Checks		214.72	
		$ 33,474.24	
City Treasurer		$ 33,474.24	
Appropriation		36,865.42	
Police Refund		15.50	
Parking Tickets		145.50	
Tax Refund on Tires		2.42	
Telephone Refund		86.44	
Gas Tax Refund		7.60	
		$ 37,122.88	
Transferred to Gen. Fund.		796.14	
			$ 36,326.72

REPAIRS TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Municipal Building		$ 1,384.02	
City Hall—Police Station		$1,543.63	
Chandler Building		57.90	
Fire Station		106.20	
			$ 3,091.75
City Treasurer			$ 3,091.75
By Appropriation		$ 3,000.00	
Transferred from General Fund		91.75	
			$ 3,091.75

SALARIES

Mayor, City Clerk, Tax Collector, Street Commissioner, Overseer of the Poor, City Messenger, Fire Apparatus Driver Office Clerks	$ 29,030.69	
Quarterly Salaries	6,030.21	
Supervisors	300.00	
Auditors	150.00	

Elections			318.00	
Assessors—Head Tax Collections			481.53	
Associate Judge			103.33	
Drawing Jurors			7.00	
			$ 36,420.76	$ 36,420.76
Deductions:				
Withholding Taxes	$ 2,759.19			
Blue Cross and Shield	524.25			
F. I. C. A.	670.14			
			$ 3,953.58	
Salaries (Net)			$ 32,467.18	
Outstanding Checks			715.81	
			$ 31,751.37	
City Treasurer			$ 31,751.37	
By Appropriation			36,373.41	
Transferred from General Fund			47.35	
				$ 36,420.76

SIDEWALKS

Salaries (Gross)			$ 260.04	$ 260.04
Deductions:				
Withholding Taxes	$ 30.80			
F. I. C. A.	5.20			
			$ $36.00	
Salaries (Net)			$ 224.04	
Blue Rock Mix	$ 1,434.00			
Engineer	47.00			
Asphalt	1,099.88			
			$ 2,580.88	$ 2,580.88
City Treasurer			$ 2,804.92	
By Appropriation			3,000.00	
Transferred to Gen. Fund			159.08	
				$ 2,840.92

STREET LIGHTS

Public Service Co. of N. H.	$ 13,625.99
City Treasurer	$ 13,625.99

By Appropriation	$ 13,800.00		
Transferred to Gen. Fund	174.01		
		$	13,625.99

TREE SPRAYING

Spraying City Trees	$	350.00
City Treasurer	$	350.00
By Appropriation	$	350.00

TOWN ROAD AID

Treasurer, State of N. H.	$	470.80
City Treasurer	$	470.80
By Appropriation	$	470.80

SEWERS SURVEY

Engineer		$	351.07
City Treasurer		$	351.07
By Appropriation	$ 3,500.00		
Transferred to General Fund	3,148.93		
		$	351.07

SEACOAST REGION

N. H. Seacoast Regional Devel. Asso.	$	150.00
Outstanding	$	150.00
By Appropriation	$	150.00

SINKING FUND

Street Construction		$	1,940.00
City Treasurer		$	1,940.00
State's Share	$ 970.00		
City's Share	$ 970.00		
		$	1,940.00

SCHOOLS

Teachers' Salaries	$	91,388.11
Janitors' Salaries		8,192.50
School Nurse		2,636.25
Truant Officers		150.00
Retired Teachers		344.40
Secretary, School Board		50.00
Cafeteria Staff		5,261.00
Labor—Repairs		392.50
Salaries—Gross	$	108,414.76
Deductions:		
Withholding	$ 11,270.00	
Retirement	6,570.05	

Blue Cross & Blue Shield	840.75			
F. I. C. A.	319.09			
		$ 18,999.89		
Total Net Salaries		$ 89,414.87		
Supt's Salary (City's Share)	$ 2,028.40			
Salaries of other Adm. Personnel	3,110.17			
Supplies and Expenses of Administration	1,447.32			
Books and other Instructional Aids	3,285.54			
Scholar's Supplies	2,134.60			
Supplies and Expenses of Instruction	756.92			
Fuel	4,088.11			
Water, Lights, Supplies and Expenses of Operating School Plant	4,137.17			
Repairs and Replacements	1,602.34			
Health Supervision	265.12			
Transportation	8,154.50			
Retirement (City's Share)	6,455.60			
Special Activities and Special Funds	3,564.11			
New Equipment	2,977.97			
Director of Internal Revenue	11,231.40			
Employees' Retirement System	8,511.86			
N. H. Hospitalization Service	855.40			
		$ 64,652.53		
		$ 154,067.40	$ 154,067.40	
Outstanding Checks		3,284.20		
		$ 150,783.20		
City Treasurer		$ 150,783.20		
F. I. C. A. Payroll Deductions			$ 319.09	
F. I. C. A. City's Share			319.09	
			$ 154,705.58	
By Appropriation	$ 138,070.40			
Public Law No. 874	7,896.20			
Federal Funds for 1955	1,609.02			
Dog Licenses	268.45			
Tuition	1,300.00			
Milk Fund	2,429.16			

Reimbursement—School Lunch	2,873.73		
Reimbursement Medical Expenses	99.00		
½ Chandler Fund Income	30.22		
Transferred from Gen. Fund	129.40		
			$ 154,705.58

SCHOOL LAND DEVELOPMENT

Parcel of Land		$ 1,000.00	
Engineer's Services		42.00	
Pipe		242.00	
			$ 1,284.00
City Treasurer			$ 1,284.00
Transferred from General Fund		a	$ 1,284.00

TAX PURCHASES

Joseph F. McKeon, Tax Collector			$ 1,220.26
City Treasurer			$ 1,220.26
Transferred from General Fund			$ 1,220.26

TAX EQUALIZATION

Salaries — Gross		$ 120.00	$ 120.00
Deductions			
Taxes	$ 19.70		
F. I. C. A.	2.30		
Total Deductions		$ 22.10	
		$ 97.90	
Outstanding		$ 97.90	
By Appropriation		$ 4,500.00	
Transferred to General Fund		4,380.00	
			$ 120.00

WATER WORKS

Supt's. Salary	$ 2,704.00		
Engineer's Salary	3,764.92		
Commissioners' Salary	660.00		
Labor	4,522.37		
Total Gross Salaries		$ 11,651.29	$ 11,651.29
Deductions:			
Withholding Taxes	$ 905.50		
Blue Cross & Shield	54.00		
F. I. C. A.	223.65		
		$ 1,183.15	
Total Net Salaries		$ 10,468.14	
Supplies	$ 4,186.16		
Power and Lights	4,873.13		
Telephone	513.63		

Truck Maintenance	194.33		
Parts and Repairs	105.96		
Gas and Oil	318.30		
Fuel	346.32		
Bonds	13,000.00		
Interests on Bonds	3,761.25		
Insurance	142.69		
Postage	143.56		
Equipment	291.06		
Meters	1,218.00		
Public Utilities Com. Reports	111.40		
Miscellaneous	229.59		
		$ 29,435.38	$ 29,435.38
		$ 39,903.52	$ 41,086.67
Outstanding Checks		$ 26.04	
			$ 41,086.67
		$ 39,877.48	
City Treasurer		$ 39,877.48	
Water Works Receipts	$ 47,598.50		
Transferred to Gen. Fund	6,511.83		
			$ 41,086.67

WATER WORKS SPECIAL

Supplies	$ 816.20		
Refund on Deposits	196.95		
Pipe	1,931.42		
Contractor	1,568.90		
Valves	556.90		
Engineer	401.50		
Excavation	422.50		
		$ 5,894.37	$ 5,894.37
Outstanding Checks		$ 155.55	
		$ 5,738.82	
City Treasurer		$ 5,738.82	
Bond Balance		$ 1,811.08	
Water Works Special Income		4,659.14	
		$ 6,470.22	
Unexpended Balance		575.85	
			$ 5,894.37

WELFARE AND RELIEF

Direct Relief

Old Age Assistance	$ 4,604.73	

Groceries	894.10		
Board and Care	3,037.76		
Fuel	130.70		
Medical	222.69		
Office Expenses	184.51		
Rent	10.00		
Clothing	101.90		
Surplus Foods	110.25		
Assistance — Totalled Disabled	84.45		
		$ 9,381.09	
Soldiers' Aid			
Board and Care	$ 4,153.31		
Fuel	34.65		
Groceries	202.00		
Medical	234.41		
Clothing	23.47		
Rent	32.00		
		$ 4,679.84	
		$ 14,060.93	$ 14,060.93
Outstanding Checks		910.37	
		$ 13,150.56	
City Treasurer		$ 13,150.56	
By Appropriation		$ 15,000.00	
Soldier's Aid Refund		1,450.50	
Board and Care Refund		944.10	
Old Age Assistance Refund		436.38	
		$ 17,830.98	
Transferred to General Fund		$ 3,770.05	
			$ 14,060.93

WITHHOLDING TAXES

Director of Internal Revenue		$ 8,938.24
City Treasurer		$ 8,938.24
Transferred from General Fund		$ 8,938.24

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

William G. Ball Agency			$ 1,392.29
City Treasurer			$ 1,329.29
By Appropriation	$ 1,000.00		
Transferred from General Fund	329.29		
			$ 1,392.29

ZONING

Clerk, Zoning Board			$ 500.00	$ 500.00
Deductions:				
Withholding Taxes	$ 22.00			
F. I. C A.	10.00			
		$ 32.00		
		$ 468.00		
Supplies	$ 22.35			
Printing	31.71			
Miscellaneous	24.03			
Attending Convention	78.00			
		$ 156.09		$ 156.09
		$ 624.09		$ 656.09
Outstanding		4.50		
		$ 619.59		
By Appropriation		$ 1,000.00		
Board of Adjustment Fees		90.00		
		$ 1,090.00		
Transferred to General Fund		433.91		
				$ 656.09

Report of Superintendent of Schools

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT
SCHOOL YEAR 1954-55

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the School Board:

I submit herewith my annual report as superintendent of your school system.

The past year will be remembered in the history of Somersworth as the year when positive action was taken by the School Board and the City Council in eliminating the extremely inadequate physical facilities which existed for so many years in our school system. An appropriation of $450,000. was voted to construct and equip a new high school building. This sum of money will necessitate shrewd planning, budgeting, and careful selection of materials in order to construct a school building which will not lack in the necessary space and equipment. Communities throughout the state who are faced with the same building problems are watching us carefully to see if it can be done. The building committee feels sure that it can be done, and all contracts which have been awarded at the time of this report, have all been within the budget. The new building should be ready for occupancy about January 1, 1956. This should solve our housing problems for many years to come. When you figure that the average life of a school building is 60 years the cost to the city is $7,500. annually. It is common knowledge that if construction had begun two years ago the total cost would have been considerably less.

The cost of education to the citizens of Somersworth remains extremely low as compared to the average cost in the state or to communities of equal size. We are about $100 lower per pupil than the average of the state although we have one of the highest adjusted valuations per pupils. Our school tax rate per $1000. of assessed valuation remains the lowest in south-eastern New Hamphire. Our net school budget has increased only by $5,732. or 4.7% in the past three years. This has been held to a minimum in spite of major repairs to school buildings, the addition of three additional teachers due to increased enrollment, and increased services in transportation and in the Hot Lunch Program. A study of the budget for the present year as printed in succeeding pages will show where the money goes.

We continue to receive more than we pay for in the matter of teacher services. On the one hand, we have outstanding teachers with many years of successful experience; while on the other hand we lag behind in paying for their services. When we compare our aver-

age teacher salaries with those of the state or with schools of approximately equal enrollment we definitely are lower. If this continues it is the children who will lose out. Low salaries result in low morale, lack of incentive, loss of interest in professional improvement, and a constant turn-over of teachers. Teachers will come to Somersworth to gain one or two years of experience, and then move on to better paying positions. As your elementary principal points out—last year we had a turnover of over 50%. If industry experienced that much of a turnover it would go bankrupt very quickly. As it stands now we cannot attract experienced teachers to our community. We have been fortunate in retaining a good core of teachers who have made their homes here. Because they have preferred living in our city they are being penalized financially. They are recognized as masters in their profession and have remained up to date in their teaching methods and materials. Nearly every year they spend additional money and time to take advanced educational courses so as to be able to offer the best to our childern. A glance at the number of courses which our teachers completed during the past year will show that their professional self-improvement is of the best.

The school department again spent within its budget and finished the fiscal year with a balance of over $1000. This was accomplished in spite of some unexpected expenditures. For example, when we submitted a budget we could not foresee the huricane damage, some unexpected breakdowns of the heating and electrical sytsems, etc. We did plan on annual maintenance and repairs in order to keep our buildings in good working order. At the high school we completely renovated three classrooms, waterproofed certain outside walls, bought some maintenance equipment, and kept our instructional equipment up to date. In the grade schools we made some plumbing and electrical repairs, created and equipped an additional classroom, eliminated as many fire hazards as possible at the Burleigh School, and organized our classes so that we would need a minimum of classrooms and teachers.

A study of the census shows that the number of children between the ages of one and eighteen increased from 2547 to 2712 or a net gain of 163. The number of children attending parochial schools in our city and out of the city is actually larger than the number who attend the public schools. Needless to say, that if we were suddenly forced to house all of the city's children in our public schools, we could not do it. We enjoy very close cooperation with the administrators and teachers of the parochial schools at the present time. Some of the services we offer to the parochial schools include transportation, health, music, hot lunch, and recreational facilities.

The achievement of our pupils and of our graduates continues to be outstanding. An ever-increasing number go on to college and skilled professions and trades. They continue to win many academic and athletic honors in state and nation-wide competition. We enjoy excellent cooperation with local businesses and industries in placing our graduates. Our pupils and teachers participate in many civic projects for the betterment of our community. We are forever dedicated to giving our children an equal opportunity for a sound education and with your continued cooperation in solving our problems, we feel sure that we will continue to be successful.

Respectively submitted,

ARTHUR E. TOLL
Superintendent of Schools



Students at work with metal lathes in the new high school vocational shop.

Mayors Since the City Was Chartered

1894-1896	*Christopher H. Wells*
1897-	*Benjamin F. Hanson*
1898-1900	*Arthur J. Seavey*
1901-	*Haven Doe*
1902-1903	*John N. Haines*
1904-	*Freeman A. Hussey*
1905-1908	*Benjamin F. Hanson*
1909-1911	*Thomas J. Dougherty*
1912-1913	*Paul LaBonte*
1914-1922	*Fred H. Brown*
1923-1933	*Peter M. Gagne*
1934-	*Clement P. Roy*
1935-1943	*Alfred J. Boucher*
1944-1944	**Arthur W. Proulx* (*Jan.* 1-*June* 6)
1944-1945	***Napoleon A. Habel* (*June* 6-*Dec.*31)
1946-1953	**Romeo St. Laurent* (*June* 30, 1953)
1953-1953	***Placide J. Lagueux* (*July* 1-*Dec.* 31)
1954-	*Edward S. Charpentier*

* *Resigned*

** *Unexpired term*

Fire Alarm Boxes

5 Depot and Main streets
6 Main and Franklin streets
12 City Hall
13 Main and Spring streets
14 Main and Indigo Hill road
15 Third street
16 New Dam
17 Main and Daniel streets
21 Franklin and Green streets
23 Myrtle and Green streets
24 Tremont and Green streets
25 Pleasant and West Green streets
26 Franklin and Garden streets
27 Myrtle and Nash Parkway
31 High and Washington streets
32 High and South streets
34 Bartlett avenue
35 Black Harry Clay
36 Central Park
41 Highland and Grand streets
45 Prospect and Rochester streets
43 Lincoln street
45 Lily Pond road
51 Court and Washington streets
52 High and Fore streets
54 Market street
56 Somersworth Shoe
58 Collea Corp.
61 City Barn
62 West High St. and Maple St. Ext.
125 General Electric Co.
321 Laurier and Davis streets
322 High and Drew streets
551 From Y to Blue Moon
552 From Blue Moon to Hanson's Corner
553 Hanson's Corner to Town Line

Test: 2 blasts, 6 o'clock, P. M., and 12 noon
1 blast: Engineers' Call

2-2-2 House call
4 Out of town and brush fires

1-1 No school signal
7 Air Raid Signal
8 American Legion and V. F. W.
9 Boy Scouts
3-3-3 National Guard—Militia Call



Central Fire Station With New Aerial Ladder Truck and Addition to the Station in the Foreground.

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